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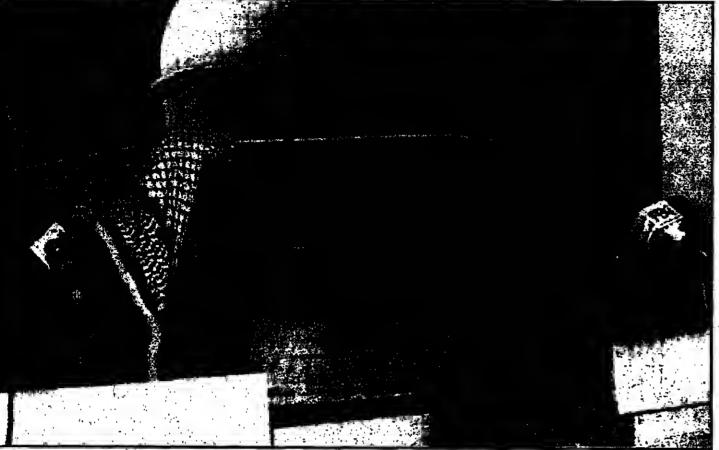
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press conference in Gaza. Story, Page 2. (Reuter)

4 GSS officers guilty of misusing funds resign

Money came from colleagues and informer fund

THE General Security Service was rocked yesterday wheo four senior officers, including the head of the service's Samaria district, resigned after an internal investigation found they had misused funds meant to finance operations.

Outgoing GSS head Karmi Gillon issued a special message to all service employees, giving de-tails of the incident.

"This event is unique in its seri-ousness," a senior defense source said yesterday. "It's unfortunate that such things happen, but the outgoing head of the service dealt with it quickly and efficiently."

Several months ago, a GSS em-ployee complained to the service's comptroller about financial irregularities in the Samaria district

ON LEVY The complaint reached Gillon, who immediately launched an

inquiry The inquiry revealed that the Samaria district head had been regularly borrowing money from subordinates for years.

At times, when the subordi-nates had no money of their own to lend him, they would take money, sometimes totaling thoosands of shekels, from a special fund kept to pay Arab

informers. The money was always returned to the fund, either by the district head or the staffers. One of the employees allegedly forged documents to cover up the unauthorized withdrawals from the fund.

Several employees tried to in-

terfere with the internal inquiry, collaborating on a version of events in an attempt to cover up the incident. Other employees knew about

the improper withdrawals but oever reported them.

Upon receiving the inquiry results, Gillon consulted with the state attorney, and the two agreed that four employees should be suspended and disciplinary procedures begun with an aim to dismiss them.

Yesterday the four offered to resign, and Gillon accepted their resignation immediately.

Gillon made it clear in his message to GSS staffers that those involved in the incident had acted totally against the corms of behavior demanded of GSS employees, even though the money taken was always returned.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer introduce each other at the outset of yesterday's

Referendum even if we win elections PRIME Minister Shimon Peres has commit-**DOUGLAS DAVIS in London**

government continue until its term ends in late October, but "there are some considerations, not connected with the peace prowhich inclice him to early eleccess."

"We have to have a new mandate because this government exists as a result of a tragic event," he said. "Just as a hullet cannot stop the democratic process, it cannot justify an extension of the mandate.'

"There were other unspecified economic and political considerations" which might make early elections necessary, he said.

Interior Minister Haim Ramon told the Hakfar Hayarok circle in Labor yesterday that while Peres "may want an early mandate,

The final decision about the Golan, he said, should "in any case be subjected to a referendum, regardless of when elections take place. There are many people who would like to see Peres as prime minister, hot who have a problem on the issue of the Golan. Why should we stop these people from voting for Peres? This can be done if we let them have a separate say on the Golan in a referendum." David Rudge adds:

The Golan Residents Committee last night called for a law to be passed in the Knesset to ensure that a referendum on the Golan will be held regardless of elections.

"We are demanding that a Golan referendum law be passed by the present Knesset to ensure that the promise made by Peres is not just a trick designed to help him win a quick election, then reach a speedy agreement with

Heitner.

Savir, Rabinovich: Syrian agreement possible in '96

PROGRESS in the negotiations with Syria was made on all the subjects that were discussed, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said after the latest, roond of talks coocluded Wednesday night.

Both he and Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich said that it is possible to reach a peace agreement this year.

"In all areas, after two rounds of talks, we have moved up at ing the process forward," Savir said. According to a senior Israeli source, this round of talks at the Wye Plantatioo in Maryland focused mainly oo security arrangements. He said that for the first time ideas were raised whose goal is "to provide a joint basis for further progress."

Jerusalem Post Staff

retary of State Warren Christopher, then more talks - is a good way to make progress, as the talks are still in the conceptual stage, Savir said.

The next stage - the actual ne-gotiations - will be done by separate small working groups that will draw up a peace treaty, he added.

Syria said yesterday that no

visited Jerusalem and Damascus, and while "no one should expect everything will be solved in one . visit," next week's round of regional diplomacy by Christopher shows that the negotiations are very much alive, even if it goes at a slow pace."

Regarding media pessimism, Savir quoted Peres: "What is happening is not reflected [in the press], and what is reflected is not

what's happening." "Tam not sorry about that," he

ted himself to holding a referendum over a withdrawal on the Golan if an accord with Syria is reached after early elec-

tions. Addressing a news conference in London yesterday, Peres said he would not take the results of early elections as a mandate for territorial concessions on the Golan.

Earlier, after declaring that he would decide this month whether to call early elections, Peres, appearing on the BBC's flagship current affairs program Newsnight, brushed aside suggestions that by calling early elections he might be perceived as "cashing in" on the wave of support for Labor following the assassination of Yitzbak Rabin.

At the news conference, which was held ... ic cod of a



The source, however, stressed that the gaps between the sides remain wide.

Normalization, development, economic cooperation and the comprehensiveness of an eventual agreement were also discussed. he said. The subject of water will only be broached in separate talks.

The US, Savir said, took upon itself to play a leading role in the water issue, to ensure that the needs of both Israel and Syria are

The Wye procedure - talks, putting forth bridging proposals which are then brought to Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Syrian President Hafez Assad by Sec-

the latest round of peace talkş.

· But Walid Mualem, the top Syrian peace negotiator with Is-tael, told the official Syrian News Agency SANA that the talks allowed the two parties to tackle the issoe of secority arrangements.

"We can say the Maryland talks on security arrangements did not achieve progress but they allowed the two parties to tackle the issue deeply," he told SANA in a telephone interview from Washington.

Peres repeated his optimism about the prospects for an agree-ment with Syria, declaring that Assad "has taken the path to peace and I think it is only a matter of time before we have peace with Syria and Lebanon.

This week's negotiations repre-sented "quite an achievement," he told reporters in Loodon terday.

Peres ooted there was "a little progress" every time Christopher

'added, noting that the further the negotiations progress, so will the gap between what is happening in the talks and what is reported hy-

the media. "A lot of work remains before us," he said, "but with the same spirit that characterized the first two rounds, and with the same discretion and seriousness, it is possible to reach a peace agreement this year."

The Americans also went out of their way to stress the positive. A formal amouncement by US peace talks coordinator Dennis Ross in the name of the three. delegations said that all the participants agreed there had been real progress io key arcas.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the US does not intend to lower the degree of its involvement in the talks, even if Israel calls early elections.

The Israeli delegation left for home yesterday. The next round of talks in Maryland is expected in a few weeks.

Britain, Peres said he would prefer to see the ations with the Syrians."

"THE Knesset will be dissolved within a month," Labor MK

Haggai Merom told members of

Hayarok circle yesterday. "The

decision has been taken and the

Interior Minister Haim Ra-

mon agreed that there is a great

likelihood that elections will be

advanced, though he hedged by

adding that "early elections,

likely as they are are, still oot an

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Knesset to be dissolved within a month – Merom

SARAH HONIG and LIAT COLLINS

This reasoning, it is pointed out in Labor, might be used by Peres to explain his decisioo to advance the elections.

The consensus in the party is that he has already reached the decision, but doesn't know how to explain it to the electorate, since he cannot point to his lead in the polls as the cause for changing the position he espoused only recently.

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss said he favored bringing the elections forward, as long as the two main parties agree on a oew date.

Speaking to students of the Tel Giborin school during a visfrom the nation to carry on his policies. This he can get only in elections and therefore, the carit to Holoo, Weiss said the priher the elections, the faster he maries are disrupting the political system, and therefore he

would prefer early elections. Labor faction chairmao Ra'anan Cohen also called for carly elections, saying they should be held immediately after the party primaries. "The heads of the largest factions

must meet in the next few days to arrange a date for the elec-tions," Coheo said. He said the coalition will have difficulty functioning after the primaries because of the expected absence of MKs from different factions who lose their primary. "This oew situation will have a grave influence on

the democratic process and the Knesset's ability to legislate. He described the subject of early elections as "a snowball effect" and "self-fulfilling

prophesy" which could oot be ignored.

Coheo stressed that early elections should not be linked to the diplomatic orgotiations with the Syrians or Palestini-

He said many MKs from all parties have apparently been devoting most of their time to their primary campaigns and consequently have been neglecting their parliameotary do-

"The Knesset's work has been hurt in a manner which no longer permits its proper functioning," Cohen said.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, at a meeting with lead-ers from the United Kibbutz Movement, said expediting the electioos could heoefit the economy.

TEL AVIV

Sneh to MDA board of directors: Suspend head of blood services

HEALTH Minister Ephraim Such has called on Magen David Adom's board of directors to suspend its director of blood services, Dr. Amnon Ben-David, until the Navon Committee investigating the Ethiopian immigrant blood donation affair reaches its conclusions.

Sneh said last night that since Ben-David is neither a Health Ministry nor a state employee, he could not suspend him. But Sneh asked MDA Director-General Amos Luria to present his demand at Sanday's board meeting.

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Luria, who took office last year after previously running MDA from 1986-1988, has claimed he was unaware of the policy relating to Ethiopian immigrant blood donations. The MDA directorgeneral will make his position known on Sunday, MDA spokesman Dan Arnon said. Ben-David, who could not be reached for comment, previously said that the decision to destroy

ago by his predecessor, Dr. Shlo-mit Bar-Shani, but that he reapproved it when he took up his post four years ago.

His cellular phone has been accepting only recorded messages due to harassment and threats. Dozens of MDA staffers demonstrated yesterday outside the offices of Ma'ariv - which first reported the blood-bank policy and Health Ministry offices, pro-



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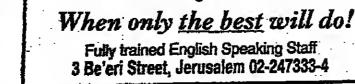
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A NEW provision in the foreign aid bill that was passed last week hy the US Congress will prevent Israel from beiog legally overcharged hy American defense cuntract-OIS.

The provision, known as "competitive pricing," ensures that all recipients of foreign aid. who use American funds to purchase weaponry in US, will be charged the same rate that defense contractors charge the Pentagon.

The eotire estimated \$12 billinn in US foreign aid was part nf the continuing resolution that both houses no Coogress passed last week, enabling the US government to remain npen until the end of March, Israel receives \$3 hillion in annual military and economic aid, and Egypt receives another \$2.1 billioo.

DAVID MAKOVSKY

the Pentagon. Some sources

believe the savings will amount

to roughly \$50 millioo a year.

provision has long beeo sought

by prn-Israel activists in

Washingtoo, but was only

agreed to this year after

American defense contractors

that American tax dollars

"I think people understood

were mullified.

The competitive pricing

of funding." About \$1.325 billioo of US military aid to Israel is spent in Sources familiar with the US, with the remaining \$475 American military aid to Israel insist that Israel Often paid an million spent here. The new provisioo will apply average of 2 percent to 5 perceot more for weapoo to new contracts, but the old systems, such as the F-16, than rules will apply to existing ones.

Furthermore, if Israel wants special adjustments made no its weapon systems, above and beyond what is provided to the Pentagon, it would ohviously pay more. The second new provision io

last week's hill enables the Cliotna administration ta approve the prepositioning of US military equipment in Israel without prinr congressional shnuld not go to higher profit margins." ooe prn-Israel activist said. "We are oot approval. Sources say that until now, this exemption was only given to NATO allies.

talking about less money being spent in the US, but rather The US is believed tn he stockpiling \$300 million worth more projects for the same level of military equipment in Israel.

Landan argued that "as things



Women jump out of a jeep as part of their training to serve in Border Police tactical units. The Border Police

earlier this week announced the plan to train women for its clite units, including the anti-terror unit (Reuter)

Netanyahu: Polls worrying Peres

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres waots to reschedule the elections because he is worried by the narrowing gap in the polls," Likud chairman Binyamin Netaoyahu said vesterday.

Peres has been leading hy an average of 20 percent ever since Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. Prior tn that Netanyahu had a narrow lead over Rahin.

"Peres is worried, and I can see why," Netanyahn said. "No matter when elections are held, he it in June or October, the Likud will win - and he knows it. Peres had initially promised not to exploit the assassinatioo.

SARAH HONIG

stand now, there is no question but it now appears that he is in a of us dealing with [PLO. rush precisely in order to effect a political hijackiog and Chairman Yasser] Arafat hecause he simply has not recognized Israel's right to maximize the boost Labor got exist. He has been toying with after the assassination. In any eveot, the Likud will discuss its us for two-and-a-half years. His stand on the date of elections." rhetorie is one of incitemeot, The Likod's executive and he has failed to amend the hurean, however, did not take Palestine Covenant or to hand up the issue in its session last over terrorists. The Oslo night, which Netanyahu did not accords are being violated hy the PLO, and a Likud government will not stand for attend. The meeting was largely devoted to the Likud's dilemma over updatiog its platform without ahandoning its

ideology. Bureau chairmao MK Uzi

But other notes were also struck at the meeting, with MK Ovadia Eli asserting that 'agreemeots signed hy ooe government must be booored by **ON SUNDAY - OUTLOOK DAY IN** the governments which follow it. We will not ignore the Oslo agreement.

The question is oot whether to talk to Arafat, but under what conditions to talk, about what to talk, and how to handle the negotiations. The Likud will do so far better than Labor, and with less irresponsibility as far as Israel's vital interests are

Hebron settlers: IDF should stay until covenant amended

HERB KEINON

THE Hebron settlement committee called on the government yester day to put off IDF redeployment in the city, scheduled for the end of March, until after the Palestinian Covenant is amended.

David Wilder, a spokesman for the committee, said it is absurd that Hebron - the last of the seveo major Palestinian cities to be handed. over to the Palestinian Authority - be turned over before the Palestinian National Council convenes and amends the covenant." Yasser Arafat said this week that the PNC will convene on April 12;

while redeployment in Hebron is scheduled for the end of March. "This makes oo sense," Wilder said. "By then they will have everything, including Hebron, and Arafat will say he couldn't get a democratic majority to change the covenant."

Wilder said that he obviously would like to see the Hebron redeoloyment canceled altogether, "but even using the government's philosophy it should not move out of Hebron until after the covenant is changed."

In addition; Wilder said, Prime Minister Shimon Peres has said that the peace process would come to a halt unless the covenant is amended. In an appearance before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in November, Peres said that if the covenant is not changed by March, "the train will be halted."

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PA opposition groups: We'll deal with new situation

JON HEMANUEL

WITH Palestinian Authority council elections behind them, Islamic and PLO opposition groups. are gearing up for the Palestinian National Council meeting, municipal elections and final settle-

ment talks. Representatives of the factions said yesterday that they do not. consider themselves a spent political force.

"We understand we are facing a new era," said Dr. Mohammed Jadallah, a leading spokesman of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. "Something fundamental has changed. We do not accept this but we deal with

Nabil Abu Rudeinch, media adviser for PA Chairman Yasser Arafat; said no date has been fixed for the PNC meeting. But since the council is to be convened shortly sizer Ramadan at the end of February, and Oslo 2 requires a change in the 1968 National Charter two months after that, the end of April is the target date

He denied a report in the Ramallah daily Hayat al-Jadida that April 12 had been set for the

ancial meeting. Abu Rudeinch said the PLO executive council is "to meet" abroad" shortly to discuss how to . frame the call for a change in the charter - whether to delete its anti-Israel sections or replace the charter with a new one?"

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer met with Arafaf in Gaza yesterday and congratulated him, saying, "If you asked me two years ago whether there would be elections; I would have laughed." Arafat assured him the charter would be changed.

Last week in Damascus, George Habash's Popular Pront for the Liberation of Palestine

drew up a list of 50 leaders it said should have the right to return to the Palestinian autonomous

Habash himself, however, will remain abroad to represent Palestimians there, said Riyad Malki, a PFLP spokesman in Ramallah. The DFLP has sent a list of 100 leaders, including 30 members of the PNC, to the PA, said Jadallah.

Jadallah said the PNC, which includes all the PLO factions, should have a say in the finalstatus talks. This leaves open the possibility of trading PNC and oppositioo influence over the final settlement in exchange for its agreeing to change the charter now, which is a precondition for launching the finalstatus talks

Jadallah said that "might be ossible," but it would have to include an Israeli commitment now that "it recognizes the right of self-determination." Hamas is not a member of the

PLO or PNC and its efforts are directed at municipal elections. At a news conference in El Birch yesterday, Hamas leaders said last month's elections were fraudulent, and claimed far fewer voters turned out than was officially stated.

Hamas, the PFLP and the DFLP are all demanding to help frame the municipal election law, to give them a better chance of

insing. Municipal elections are expected in May or June.

Meanwhile, a repeat of voting in two Jabalya polling stations after reported election fraud gave a PA council seat to Imad Falouji, the former Hamas leader, who ran on a Fatah ticket "as an Islamist and the real voice of the opposition."

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Jordan, Palestinians agree on trade ties

Jordan and the Palestinian Anthority agreed yesterday to consolidate trade ties and revitalize economic accords. Jordan's state-ran Petra news agency said the agreement was reached during a meeting between Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker and Mohammed, Nashashibi, the

Palestinian finance minister. Last January, Jordan and the PA signed a broad agreement that governed all aspects of the historic ties between the Hashemite kingdom and the West

Bank. According to official figures, the volume of trade between Jordan and the PA between May and December last year totaled \$52 million. Most of that

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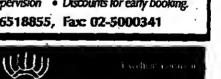
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Histadrut bids for Ouman sociolngical-organizational

THE Histadrut yesterday made bid 10 purchase the Ouman textile plant in Ofakim and sell it to private entrepreneurs, in order to save the plant, which had been closed down by its owners, Polgat, some six weeks ago.

Ouman's workers, whn had broken into the plant and resumed its operation on Wednesday with the Histadrut's help, continued producing sweaters enthusiastically yesterday, at the pace of 800 to 1,000 knitted units a day.

Polgat lodged a complaint with the police about the workers breaking into the plant, claiming that taking over the premises and pri-vate equipment and raw materials which belong to Poglat was criminal. But by yesterday no policeman had come or attempted in stop the work in Ouman. Beersheva District COurt yeterday also ordered the workers to stop producing sweaters until negotatiations with management are completed.

Polgat had also asked the Electric Corporation to cut nff the power to Ouman, to prevent the machinery from being nperated. But Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz anticipated the move and asked the Electric Corporation union not to cooperate with Polgat. MICHAL YUDELMAN

cialist. Orman has orders for more than 200,000 units, notained last month after Polgat had promised to reopen the plant if orders for 150,000 pullovers come in. But Polgat reneged on its commitment and refused to re-open the plant's

doors. The orders, which were received by the Histadrut's special 'Operation: Sweater' team from the IDF and corporations here and abroad, are enough for at least six months of work. The Histadrut said it would finance all the raw materials required after the existing stock runs nut

The bureau of the economic organizations -consisting nf 14 large employers -yesterday criti-cized the Histadrut's aiding the workers to take over Ouman by force, and doubted the Histadrut's ability to manage the plant.

Acting Bureau Chairman Avi Barak said that "in view of the Histadrui's past mistakes and shortcomings in managing its own companies, how will it now run Ouman? What grounds will Peretz have when he comes out against closing losing plants and firing workers, when the Histadrut itself has fired hundreds of workers?"

The Electric Corporation workers, who had joined the effort to save Ouman by ordering several thousands of sweaters last month,

complied with Peretz's request and kept the power flowing to the plant. Peretz yesterday offered Polgat to purchase Ouman, at whatever price an agreed arbitrator would set

for the plant. In his bid, which was sent to Polgat, the Clai Concern and Ofakim municipality, Peretz demanded that Polgat transfer the difference between the Histadrut's demands for the workers' severance fees and Polgat's offer, to the workers, as part of the sum needed to purchase Ouman's shares "and we will compensate the workers accordingly."

Ouman's purchase is estimated to cost the Histadrut millions of shekels, which it proposes the cover from special funds, until it finds private entrepreneurs to huy Ouman from the Histadrut.

Polgat denied that it had received any such proposal yesterday. Ouman's nperatinn is being supervised by a new management

team, including workers' union

head Yitzhak Gozlan, and with the guidance of Dr. Lev Greenberg, a

for taking bribes laxman sentenced YEHUDA Kanias, former director nf the Tel Aviv

area income tax office, was sentenced yesterday to six months of community service, 18 mnnths' probation and fined NIS 10,000 after being convicted on bribery and breach of trust charges.

Kanias, 48, was convicted of accepting a tremendous discount nn goods he purchased from Negev Ceramics; of not paying Value Added Tax on their full worth; and nf not being charged a delivery fee. He was quoted as telling the firm's general manager, Amiel Ronel: "Negev Ceramics now has defender in the tax office."

on the purchase of a car from Eldan, on the recommendation of Ami Ungar, one of the nwners of Telcar. Kanias also admitted that his wife was employed hy two companies involved in disputes with the tax authorities at a time when he was dealing with their cases.

In passing sentence, Tel Aviv District Cnurt Judge Natan Amit noted that Kanias had lost his job, and that he was convinced that despite his failings, Kanias is basically a good man whn has learned his lessnn in the hardest way possible. He said that putting him in jail would be nverly vengeful. (Itim)

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REPRESENTATIVES of the Firefighters Association were scheduled to meet with Interior Minister Haim Ramon last night following the resignation of national fire chief superintendent Efraim Ma'aravi.

Ma'aravi resigned his position to protest the government'a neglect of the fire and rescue service, saying he is not prepared to. accept the responsibility in the event of a disaster unless the service were provided the means to nperate.

The firefighters, who have been nn sanctinns since the beginning of the week, have warned that the fire and rescue service is on the verge of collapse. They are seeking more manpower, training and equipment, particularly for coping with hazardous materials.

Both the State Comptroller and the Knesset Interior Committee have reported that the firefighters lack the means of coping with incidents involving hazardous materials. "The public should be very concerned," Ma'aravi told reporters. "The service today lacks more than 1,000 firefighters for existing positions, and at least 30 more stations need to be established. There are some towns without a single fire station. Even in the bigger towns, stations lack basic equipment including ladders for heights."

Ma'aravi noted that many substations have just one firefighter a shift. These are the substations furthest removed from the backup nf larger stations, and the absolute minimum shnuld be three people working a shift. 1 fear the massive disaster which will hit us one fine day. It's just a matter of time."

The firefighters are demanding some NIS 42 million over the next three years as part of a recovery plan.

Ramon apparently favors transferring the service to the Internal Security Ministry.

Ronni Mann, 50, suspected of being a key figure in the smuggling of tons of marijuana and cocaine from Colombia to Europe, is brought into Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for a remand hearing yesterday. His remand was extended until February 15. Nimrodi's plea hearing postponed again THE lawyers of Ma'arty publisher Ofer Nimrodi, indicted on 14 counts of wiretapping and paying husb money in private investigators Rafi Friedan and ney considers irrelevant. In a related case

Ya'acov Tsur, again asked Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for a delay of his plea hearing yesterday. Nimrodi's co-defendant and

the daily's security officer, David Rnnen, alsn appeared yesterday, and his plea hearing was also postponed hy Judge George Kara until February 18.

The hearing had already been postponed once nn the grounds that the defense has not received all prosecution evidence.

Lawyers Dan Avi Yitzhak and Yehuda Weinstein argued that the indictment against Nimrodi is unclear.

Meanwhile, they are waiting for a decision by Judge David Rosen regarding prosecution evidence that the defense still, has not received, including lists of subjects that the district attor-

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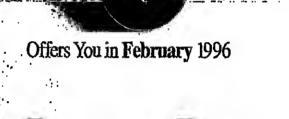
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on Wednesday, Jndge Gidenn Neutal nrdered district attorney Nimrodi.

representative Rafi Levy to hand over lists of material he considered irrelevant to Friedan, indicted on more than 40 counts of illegal wiretapping, many nf them allegedly commissinned by

(Hanoch Grizitzky/Israel Sun)

He was also convicted nf receiving a huge discount TRACK



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High Court orders police to explain treatment of religious investigator

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday gave the police 21 days tn explain why a religious man, whn has refused to carry out cer-tain tasks nn Shabbat, should not be allowed to continue to work as a police investigator.

Meir Zorani has refused to do. such things on Shabbat as issuing verifications for insurance. claims on stolen objects, since they violate the prnhihition against doing work not necessary for saving lives on Shabbat. The police, therefore, wanted

to either fire him or demote him tn nrdinary policeman, thnugh government attorney Nurit Halstein admitted to the court that in other respects, the police are pleased with his work.

Halstein argued that one of the tasks of any police investigator is to serve occasinnally as duty nfficer on Shabbat.

The police cannt make exceptions far religinas employees, she said, because this would be unfair to the nnn-

religious employees, whn would then have to do extra Shahhat shifts.

However, Justices Shlomn Levine, Dalia Dorner, and Gavriel Bach said they could not understand why nn arrangement could be fnund to accommodate Zorani's needs, given that the right to practice one's religion is constitutionally protected.

"[Ynur approach] means that no religious Jew can be a police investigatnr," Dnmer noted. "This is very extreme ... A gnvernment body ought to find some kind nf realistic solution."

One option, she suggested, might be to have him do some nther type of work on Shabbat.

After attorney ... Naftali Werzberger clarified that Zorani is willing to do most of the necessary work on Shabbat. Bach suggested that it would be relatively simple to send the rest of the paperwork, such as the insurance forms, to the victim in the mail, after Shabbat.

Amuka grave subject of disputes

THE grave of Rabbi Yonatan Ben Uziel at Amuka in the Galilee is the subject of two disputes; one between two regional councils, and one between two government ministers.

There is a tradition that praying at the site will help the unmarried find a mate within a year, and some 250,000 people visit the grave annually. Over the past several months, the Merom Hagalil Regional Council, which presumed the grave was in its jurisdiction - because the adjacent Moshav Amuka is in its jurisdiction - invested tens of thousands of shekels to improve access to the grave.

Recently, however, it learned that the grave is actually in the area con-trolled by the Upper Galilee Regional Council, which in turn had formally relinquished control of the area to the Mevo'ot Hermon Regional Council. Nnw the Mevo ot Hermon and Merom Hagalil councils are each demanding that their control of the site be recognized

Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Uzi Baram and Religious Affairs Minister Shinon Shetreei are spating over which ministry will be in charge of the site's rededication ceremony.

Both ministries contributed to the refurbishing of the site, but neither (Itim) inister wants to hold a joint rededication ceremony.

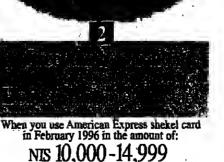


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Clear alternatives

NE of the Labor Party's most effective battle cries, certain to be repeated ad infinitum in the coming pre-election months, is that the opposition has no alternative to the Oslo course. The opposition parties, say Labor spokesmen, are naysayers who represent the frozen, fossilized thinking of the past. And while the Labor-Meretz coalition has had the foresight to break ald malds and open the way to the bright future of the New Middle East, all that the opposition wants is to retain the intolerable status qun.

If nothing else, this claim must be hailed as a masterpiece of brazenness. It comes from politicians who, in three-and-a-half years of governing, most of which have been devoted to negatiations with the PLO, have never indicated how they want the negotiations to end.

Breaking the Labor Party's nwn taboos by recognizing the PLO, putting Jerusalem an the bargaining table and announcing a readiness to abandon the Golan Heights are not a blueprint for a final settlement. True, the late Yitzhak Rabin once mentioned that he would like to see some kind of cooperation between Jordan, Israel and a Palestinian entity which would be "more than an autonomy but less than a state." And Prime Minister Shimon Peres likes to recommend a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation and points to Benelux as an example of the kind of relationship he envisions between the three. But a confederation is an arrangement between two sovereigns, and Benelux is a union of three sovereign states. Yet Peres says be adamantly opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Nor did Rabin ever indicate what he thought the country's borders should be. To friends he would say, "Only I know what I have in mind for the final status." Nor has Peres ever said anything about borders. And there was always an irreconcilable contradiction between Rabin's insistence on complete separation between Israel and the Palestinian entity, and Peres's concept of openness and freedom of movement. Rabin believed in an electronic fence wherever necessary; Peres said industrial parks on the borders would assure greater security.

Even more confusing is the way Labor sees the future of the Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Peres's close confidant, Minister Yossi Beilin, has said that when the final status is determined the settlements would be under Israeli sovereignty. Others in the government have indicated that at least the Gush Etzion and Jordan Valley communities, as well as the town of Ariel and the communities

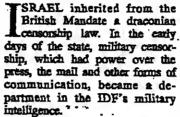
around it, will be incorporated in Israel. Reverting to ideas he propounded years ago, Peres has hinted that there should be "functional" rather than territorial sharing of power in the territories. While the major Arab population centers would be ruled by the Palestinian Authority and the settlements by Israel, the rest would be under jnint Palestinian-Israeli control.

On the nther hand, Labor's coalition partner Meretz has been consistent in its view of the future. It supports a Palestinian state bordering nn the 1967 lines, and it believes there can be no peace unless all the settlements are evacuated and Jerusalem sbared. In the past, it was Meretz which proved the more realistic barometer of the government's intentions; Meretz leader Yossi Sarid's prediction in 1992 that the coalition would follow the Meretz platform rather than Labor's has proved uncanaily prescient.

Chances are that Peres will continue to follow the Meretz program. But this is precisely what he is not telling the electorate. With remarkable vehemence he keeps insisting that Jerusalem will remain undivided and under Israel sovereignty, even as the academics who initiated the Oslo agreement secretly discuss sharing Jerusalem with Palestinian representatives, and Orient House continues functioning as the PA's foreign ministry in the heart of Jerusalem.

And while be continues to reassure the Jewish residents of the territories that they will not be removed, he cannot truly expect such a solution to work for a simple and compelling reason. He is a captive of the concept which begat the Oslo agreements in the first place: that Israel must find a solution acceptable to the PLO if it wants to achieve an agreement.

That Yasser Arafat and the PLO will not accept anything less than a Palestinian state along the June 4, 1967 lines with a capital in Jerusalem is a given. In fact, it would be silly for them not to expect the PLO-Israel negotiations to result in such a solution. After all, virtually the whole world community expects it, as does at least half of the governing coalition's Knesset members. Anything less would be just as unacceptable to Arafat as the Likud plan of limited autonomy with full Israeli control of security throughout the territories.



In 1949, the year in which I drafted the first agreement between the press and the IDF, a delegation of prominent journalists met with Yigal Yadin, who was then operations chief of the IDF and later chief of staff. The journalists recommended creating a system of censorship which would serve the national interest of the state. They proposed that clear and effective tools be created in order to guarantee continuous dialogue and, if necessary, punishment.

As director of military intelligence, I. was sent to negotiate with the editors, whose delegatinn inelnded Gersbum Schocken, Herzl Rosenblum, Azriel Carlebach, Yosef Hefiman, Herzi Berger, Arieh Dissentchik, and Isaac Remba.

These newspapermen represented the public's right to know. and followed the example of the best of the world's press. Nevertheless, they were only too aware of the delicate nature of our new society, and of the considerable dangers of our defense situation. They proposed that censorship be applied on a basis of agreement, with the last, word being left to

A censorship law for the '90s CHAIM HERZOG against Tel Aviv, while Givati with Israel; abont nur energy

Brigade troops kept them at bey. sonrcea; and abant military I showed the journalists how supplies. our major intelligence breakthrough came about as a result of IN THE early '60s, during my second term as director of mili-

the publication of a photograph of the brigade commander in the Isud area in an Egyptian newspaper. Largely on the basis of this information, we were able to perceive the order of battle of the Egyptian army in the area. Thus were the editors convinced of the importance of the subject.

ELECTIONS

We set up a public committee representing the editors; the anny and the general public, and a tribunal, again representing the

A new balance must be struck between the public's right to know and vital national security interests

editors, the army and the public, which is still in operation.

The approach to censorship in those days would not be accepted today. Subjects such as the death of a soldier, an unsuccessful operation, or a plane crash, were not allowed to be published. And sometimes, when it was applied to issues whose military nature was in considerable doubt, cenour poots aver to bloom of the to the scrutiny of the Supreme Court

gates withdrew their objections to our military censorship.

tary intelligence, the Internation-

al Press Institute held its annual

I advised the conference that

Tel Aviv's ZOA Honse, in which

it was convening, was within artil-lery range of the guns of the Jor-

danian army, and that when visit-

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were finally convinced, the dele-

conference in Israel.

. In the course of time, the limits to consorship were clearly set out, and the right to know made considerable inroads, in many cases justifiably. Media coverage of events has become almost immediate, and competition between the various media is growing every day.

But there is a basic and at times . to matters of national security disturbing change of attitude on and the sanctity of human life. It the part of some of the media to must be backed by someone nf SECULITY, as LOCY stand it. And the consorship law has not always been applied wiscly. Hence the breakdown which has lead to a deterioration in the lic's rights and the state's duties. censors' level of control. There are cases, however few, which require a military censorship to be applied together with

very strong sanctions in the event that the laws are broken. This is vital, especially since we have not achieved complete security.

The question is: What is the correct balance in today's conditions between the right of the public to know and the duty of the state to protect its vital defense interests?

If we assume that, from a purely military security point of view, control and sanctions are necessary, then the best solution to the present impasse would be a new agreement hetween the government and editors. But this agreement would have to obligate all the editors without exception. If some of them continue to maintain an independent attitude and refuse to accept a ruling on censorship, there is no solution but legislation.

As it stands, there are breaches. of the censorship law, there is no' agreement, and editors tend to follow the example set by the most extreme culprit.

It is vital that there be a proper framework which can stand up to scrutiny in the courts and make each editor responsible. Thepress has to be restrained, in a limited manner, but in a way which does not compromise our basic security interests.

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The proposed law must be sensible. It must be adapted to our modern age, and must relate unly lectual standing. Only thus can we achieve the correct balance between the pub-

As the possibility of early elections looms, it would only be fair to the electorate if the major parties make their goals clear. Challenging the opposition to reveal its "alternative" is fair enough, provided Labor, too, makes clear where it is headed.

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CRITICISM

served for 42 years, including in

Sir, - As a former diplomat who

the military.

censorship, I cited the problem we faced with the Egyptian order of battle in the War of Independence in the Isdud area (now Ashdad). The Egyptian forces were poised for a major offensive

But the journalists proved most cooperative.

As an example of the need for David Ben-Gunion ordered the application of censorship in four specific areas. It was forbidden to publish details about immigration or the origin of the waves of immigration; abont contacts with countries with no formal relations

The writer, Israel's sixth president, served two terms as director of military intelligence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE JERUSALEM UN RESOLUTION

Sir, - As the Jerusalem issue becomes more prominent, more uninformed reporting and commentary appear, stating: "The 1947 UN Par-tition Plan that created the State of Israel called for putting Jerusalem under international rule."

Unfortunately, the reporters and commentators quote only a portion of General Assembly Resolution 181 dealing with Jerusalem, thereby creating an inaccurate impression, as the all too few who are familiar with the resolution and its creation have pointed out.

Under a section called "Duration of the special regime," the Partition Resolution stated that the international regime for Jerusalem was to last 10 years. At the end of that period, there was to be a referendum of Jerusalem residents to determine the city's status. Since the Israeli side knew that Jews had formed a majority in Jerusalem for a century, they had no doubt as to the outcome of such a referendum. Today the outcome of such a vote would be even more demonstrative.

The Arab side, it will be remembered, rejected the UN Partition Plan. ED FEUER

Winnipeg, Canada.

KNESSET ABSENTEEISM

Sir, - Many crucial laws are enacted or struck down in the Knesset with fewer than 50 members present and voting. This state of affairs is a mockery of the democratic process and a flouting of the will of the majority. I am tired of paying taxes to support the salaries, expense accounts and perks of 120 MKs when so few of them bother to exert themselves to show up and vote in the plenum.

The number 120 is not a sacred one. We are told that it symbolically son understands or appreciates Meir represents the legendary 120 members of the Anshei Knesset Hagdola convened by Ezra in 516 BCE. I suggest that we mount a campaign to reduce the number of MKs to 55. Moreover, when we finally achieve tion, which is the sign of a successdirect election of MKs we can then ful caricaturist). My friends and L on vote out of office those of the rethe other hand, find Oleg to be ofmaining 55 who don't show up for fensive, frighteningly unamusing voting. and at times antise

STANLEY LEVIN Petah Tikva.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT Sir, - In his letter concerning the proposed Trans-Israel Highway (January 26), Dr. Fulder writes, correctly, that it "will force even great-

sional driver.

penalty on sinners.

CARTOONS

Ronnen's 'so-called' cartoons,"

(Letters, January 29). All the people

speak to find Ronnen to be funny,

witty, informative and aften brilliant

(usually not even requiring a cap-

ASHER WEILL

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posts with large Jewish communi-tics (in the US and Latin America), er reliance on cars for transport, marginalizing the public transport and in my capacity as adviser on world Jewish affairs to the Foreign services even further." Public transport in Israel has been Ministry, I was astonished by A.B. marginalized badly by the religious Yehoshua's "we don't need you" parties who prevent it from running message to the 10th Assembly of the on weekends. During the week, prestigious World Jewish Congress, many car owners prefer public transas reported in your issue of January port, for all the good reasons. Come

Friday afternoon, the only way to take your family to the beach, pic-nic, Galilee or Eilat is by family car, I don't know what inked me more: Yeboshua's concepts and his unwarranted criticism of Diaspora Jews, or with one sad and one tragic result: the tone of his lashing. We need the support of the Diaspora in every 1) A large part of Israel's popula-tion can't afford a car and, without respect and no measure of ambgince can convince us otherwise Jewish public transport, finds itself under house arrest on weekends. support, especially in the US, is cm-2) Many deadly road accidents. cial and will be more so in the near are caused by otherwise good but future when Jerusalem, refugre ispart-time short-distance drivers, tak-

sues and final borders are to be ing their families on a kong trip. The determined. We now enjoy warm common verdict, "lost control of his support in the US, but there are car," often conceals the fact that the Buchanans and Farrakhans all over driver has simply fallen asleep. The victims would have been in much to worry about. Diaspora financial contributions, better hands, and in a sturdier vehialbeit smaller than ever before, are cle, riding a bus driven by a professtill important in social areas, and I

shudder when I think of what would I wonder whether our religious happen to our universities, hospitals authorities could be persuaded that and many other institutions without this is a matter of pikuch nefesh the massive input from abroad. Let saving a human lives - which, acus not dispense so lightly with the cording to Halacha, takes prece-Diaspora contributions which, at the dence over everything else, includ-ing sanctity of the Shabbat, but I same time, serve as a means of Jewish identification with Israel. doubt it. They will probably reply There is a need for a permanent

that this is God, inflicting the death dialogue to discuss and update Israel's relations with the Diaspora, and ZYGMUNT FRANKEL these exchanges must be respectful and void of this "holier than thou" attitude which marks Yehoshua's unmerited onslaught. Our Jewish brethren in the Diaspora deserve Sir, - I wonder how many people better than the "justice" meted out to them by our most prominent David and Nadia Matar questioned writer. when determining that "not one per-

GIDEON TADMOR Jerusalem,

COST OF LIVING Sir, - I appreciate your recent headline, "Lowest inflation rate in 26 years." It gave me warm forzeies. That helps offset the feeling that everything - like armona, petrol, rent (in dollars) and electricity - just became more expensive! JAMES MARLOW

Tiberias.

When all good men cast their vote

THE new Knesset and the directly elected prime minister should be chosen before the start of the negotiations on the final settlement with the Palestinians. Under the terms of the Oslo agreement, these nego-

tiations are scheduled to begin in : May. Befare they cammence, there should be a renewed electoral mandate.

The issue is legitimacy. A goverament resting on a razor-thin Knesset majurity cannot make decisions on fundamentals withont risking a severe popular schism. What is more fundamental than a final settlement?

Rabin's assassination obscured these simple facts of political life. The legitimacy of the opposition, not of the government, became an issue.

This was particularly true of extra-parliamentary apposition. The major immediate result achieved by Yigal Amir was that the Taba agreements fur the evacuation of major Palestinian population centers and the redeployment of Israeli forces were carried out without serious difficalty. This did not seem possible before the assassination. In thuse days, there was a

strong case fur advancing the date of the elections and delaying the execution of the interim agreements pending the decision at the polls. This was the demand of the opposition. President Ezer Weizman, for his part, called nn the government to make clear its terms for a final settlement.

However, early elections then would haven taken place under particularly insuspicious circumstances. These related both to the prevailing political atmosphere within Israel and to relations between Israel and the Palestinians, Early elections, after the Knesset approval of the Taba agreements and before the assassing. tion, would hardly have been a festival of democracy.

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

Ideological conflict has been de-Quite the contrary. The genercidedly attemuated. al atmosphere of incitement to violence whuld have been focused on the electoral process. It is always dangerous to guess what, would have happened if history had taken a different course - in this case, if the hand of the assassin had not intervened. But it is fairly safe to venture the guess that elections under those

all indications, the great mass of voters are in the center of the political map. To reach them, the policy positions of the major

Moledet's Rehavam "Gandhi" Ze'evi knows what he is talking

Forget the parties - early elections would benefit the country

the dirtiest and most violent in Israel's history.

circumstances would have been

Meanwhile, terrorism would not only have continued. It would have intensified. Faisal Husseini, early in the aftermath of Oslo, declared that the ability of the Palestinian Authority to cope with terrorism depended on the geographical extent of the area under its control and the degree of control it exercised. Without the redeployment, not only its ability, but also its motivation to eliminate vinlence directed against Israelis from the territories would have been limited.

TODAY the Palestinians have both the force and the incentive to crack down on terror. They have something they have never had before: They have something to lose. Arafat knows that terrorism against Israel is also directed against his leadership. He can be expected in act according to the

dictates of his own self-interest. The response of Israel's political system to the assassination and to the implementation of the interim agreements has been remarkably healthy. Moderate clements in both major political camps have been strengthened.

Not only has the political climate changed. To some extent, so have the issnes. Today, from blocs will move closer together.

The sovereignty of these areas would remain undefined in perpetuity. They would be ruled under some form of condominium, about: The Liknd may not beor joint Palestinian-Israeli rule. come another version of Labor, A future Palestinian state, under as he warned, but they will not be this plan, would have full soverpoles apart. The major effort of cignty in Gaza, along with joint both camps will be directed at anthority in the rest of the winning votes from the moderate territorics.

More than early elections favor one party or the other, they favor the political system as a whole-The time is ripe. Leaders of both parties should go for it.

The writer is a legal and political commentator.

POSTSCRIPTS

TWO WOULD-BE stickup artists had the bad luck to blunder inin a bar where the revelers were 100 police officers celebrating a colleague's retirement.

Somehow the "Closed for Private Party" sign wasn't enough to deter Clarisse Wynn, 20, and Davy Sution, 43.

The two lured the bartender away from her post under the pretense they were making a delivery. When the twn brandished a knife, the bartender scrambled back to the party. Several officers made the arrest. "It's pretty dumb," one officer

said

BRITAIN'S QUEEN Mother advertised for a butler in a suburban local newspaper because she wanted to give job opportunities to unemployed men living outside London.

"Under Butler required for Rnyal Housebold in Londos-Please apply in Comptrollei, Clarence House," said the ad in the Reading Evening Post.

The Queen Mother's spokesman said it was now royal policy in advertise ontside London. "That has been a policy since unemplayment was really bad," he said.



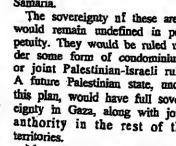
center, not from the ideological extremes, such as Moledet. This is already happening in both major parties. This week the spatlight has focused an the changes within the Likud, which involve, in effect, an ex post facto ratification of the Oslo accords

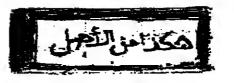
and their aftermath. Ronni Milo has even claimed credit for them

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Begin's Camp David autonomy

proposal. A similar process started in Labor soon after Shimon Peres took office. Overtures to the religious bloc, represented a substantial change at the conceptual level. Functional compromise, which Peres has lnng favnred, unlike the territorial separation that Rabin had in mind, does not rule out the continued existence of the settlements in Judea and Samaria.





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MERICAN Ambassador Martin Indyk was wrong. Jo a lecture at the Tel-Aviv Rotary Club, he said that DFLP leader Nayef Hawatmeh. by his willingness to come to Gaza, is sending a message that "he is attempting to accommodate himself to the evolving coexistence in the region."

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This is an error, both from the historical and conceptual perspectives. Hawatmeh's statements do not contain messages to Israel. He has said exactly the same in the past, and to this day he stands firmly for the continuation of the armed struggle.

Tn err is human, and ambassadors are human. But Indyk is not just a diplomat. He is also a scholar of Middle East affairs, and he is well aware that Hawatmeh holds the copyright on the notion of "establishing a Palestinian national? cotity io the West Baok and Gaza." He advanced the idea more than 20 years ago, and there is no reason why he should not want to be a part of it when it comes into being.

In 1974, Hawatmeh was the first to raise the idea of a Palestinian national aothority in the West Bank and Gaza, an idea which was. later accepted by the PLO as a transitional stage to the whole of ... Palestine. His idea of a Palestinian authority is not a product of the present peace process under US guidance, but of the Soviet line at' that time.

This metoric did not prevent Hawatmch's organization from carrying on the armed struggle against Israel. In that very year it carried ont murderous attacks m Ma'alot, Beit She'an, and Jerusalem. Hawanneh still does not dissociate himself from the armed struggle; he is only prepared to say that he will not harm civilians, only soldiers, Israelis who are not familiar

with Hawatmeh's dialectic may be impressed by his statement against "a slaughter of the innocents," but Indyk knows that Hawatmeh reserves the right to decide who is "innocent." And as far as he is concerned, the terrorist from Jenin who fatally stabbed St.-Sgt. Ehud Tal in the Dotan camp on Tuesday is innocent.

MOSHE ZAK

Indyk's assertion that even the extremists among the Palestinians accept Israel's existence was apparently meant to bolster that misconception of the Israelis responsible for Oslo - that the Palestinians are relinquishing their dream of the whole of Palestine.

On this basis, the transfer of the tenorists' command post from Damascus to Gaza is understood as a positive step, for now the commanders can, in theory, vote in the Palestinian National Council in favor of the changes to the Palestinian Covenant promised by Yasser. Arafat.

On this model of creaky justifi-

Hawatmeh et al haven't relinguished the armed struggle against Israel

cation, it may be claimed that the thousands of terrorists due to arrive in police uniform from Libya and Lebanon are Arafat's faithful supporters, and will strengthen the forces that will foil attempts at terrorism.

According to this erroneous formulation, the agreement between Arafait and Hamas to suspend tertonist operations in Israel until after the Knesset elections can be explained as a step toward peace. In fact, it is a temporary cease-fire which will allow Arafat to gain all the territory promised him in Oslo 2, and will gnarantee future coordination between the negotiations conducted by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas operations. Then both will be able to squeeze as many concessions as possible out of the negotiations for the permanent agreement.

MANY Israelis, and many Americans, are trying to perceive the Oslo agreement as the "end of history," in other words, the end of the ideological era. This may be its effect in Israeli society, which is now so excited by pragmatic solutions that it is letting go of the ideologies which directed it

through 100 years of Zionism. This Israeli U-turn has won the

applause of foreign professors and diplomats, who at the same time have expressed their understanding of the motives of Palestinian society, as reflected in the PLO and its affiliated organizations. Foreign observers are impressed by the pragmatic image Israel has given Palestinian institutions to help them raise the funds the PA needs.

In point of fact, one would have to search long and hard to find any change of ideology on the Palestinian side, apart from the step-bystep strategy set forth in 1974. Careful examination of Arafat's views reveals traces of the step-bystep approach present at the very beginning of his career. The base Arafat has now established in the territories under the guise of "Palestinian forces" marks the realization of a dream from before 1967. when Arafat talked about involving Arab countries in a war to bring about the occupation of the West Bank by Israel and its transformation into a base for a popular war against Israel

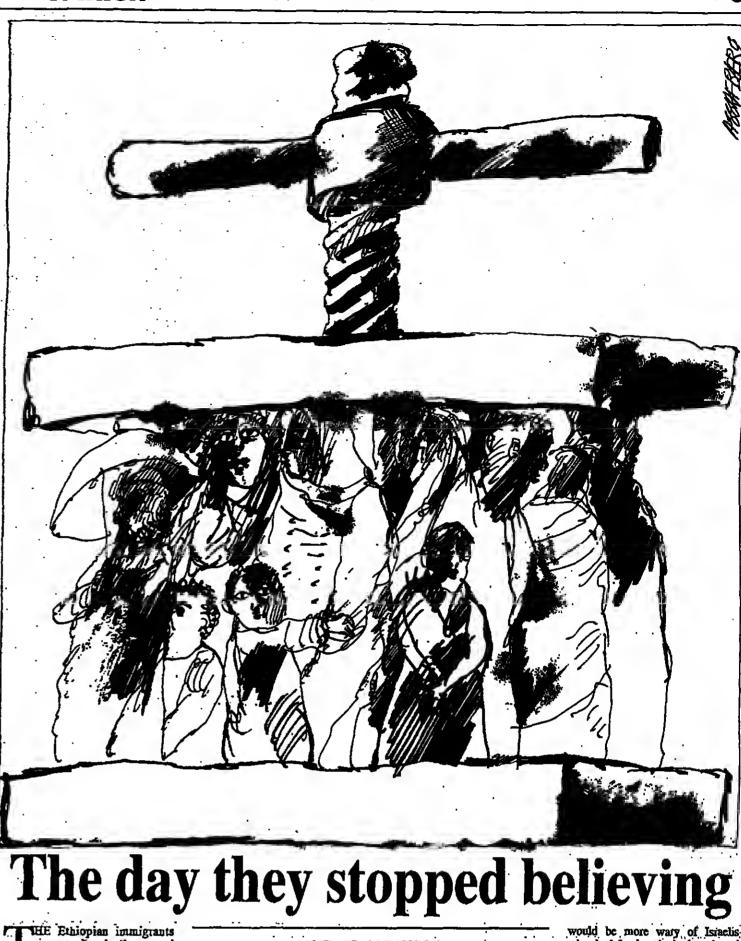
The Israeli authorities managed to frustrate the immediate implementation of Arafat's plan. The terrorist command posts were forced over the border into Jordan. From there, they fled to Lebanon. Israel caused Arafat's expulsioo from Beirut, and Syrian President Hafez Assad forced his expulsion from Tripoli.

Now Arafat has bronght the wheel round full circle. He is bringing Fatah terrorists back from Libya and Lebanon to their bases in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and made Israel permit the command posts of the rival organizations to move into Gaza.

He is willing to pay the price for this by speaking out in favor of coexistence, without straying from his insistence that Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine, and that Palestinians have the right of return.

The calm prevailing in Israel is a hostage in Hamas's hands. It depends on their keeping their promise to Arafat until after the Knesset elections.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.



'Tain't broke, but needs fixin

THE IDF is too big. Accord-ing to Brig.-Gen. Israel Eiohorn, recently retired head of planning in the manpower branch, about 20 percent of male inductees are released before the end of their compulsory three-year service and thousands more are redundant, filling out anthonized slots while having little of substance to do.

And only 15-20 percent of wom-. en soldiers are doing necessary and satisfying jobs; the rest are there not because the army needs them, but because the national service laws force the IDF to conscript them. In short, the IDF has a severe prohlem of hiddeo unemployment.

There is nothing new about this prohlem. For years, observers have watched the administrative and support echelon grow more rapidly than the combat echelon, and have described with increasing concern the phenomena of swollen directorates, staff hodies aod headquarters, and inflated numbers of higher-ranking officers. An army which once prided itself on its high "tooth-to-tail" (combat forces to support forces) ratio has hecome increasingly hureaucratized.

One reason for the change has been the emergence of patterns of behavior, such as empire building, typical of any large organization. Another has been the large increases in the annual intake as immigration peaked and the children of baby-boomers started to reach military age.

These developments did not go unnoticed. Study commissions and internal analyses pointed out the trends and proposed a variety of recommendations. Every new chief of staff paid lip service to the need to make the army smaller and more agile ("lean and mean"). The age cutoff for immigrants was lowered, and exemptions and early releases became easier to obtain, especially for women soldiers. But the political leadership,

which bears ultimate responsibility for mational defense and for integrating the defense effort into national welfare in its broadest sense, has preferred to avoid any fundamental changes.

In principle, there are three broad solutions to the problem: • Selective service. The army is not a social welfare agency but a

military organization with a speciftion - defending the country against dilutest and potential mili-

combat reserves MARK A. HELLER

tary threats - and it can best do that by mobilizing and investing only. in the resources, including manpower, suited to that mission. Let the IDF take the best for its mission-defined needs, and let the rest, including most women, make their contribution and find their satisfaction elsewhere.

· Shorten compulsory service. The army is not just a fighting machine but also a major socializing agency, perhaps the most important in the country. Given its traditional centrality and prestige, army service provides a cachet, and those who do not serve (except for legitimate medical reasons) suffer from some kind of stigma.

The IDF's severe problem: hidden unemployment

So preserve the current system, but shorten the term of compulsory service. Before 1967, when Israel's manpower constraints were more severe and the region was much more hostile, male soldiers only served 30 months.

· Reduce reserve service. The main purpose of the reserves is to provide a force that can be mobilized in time of emergency to reinforce the standing army. To maintain their effectiveoess, the reserves need periodic training and refresher courses. But reserves, especially combat reserves, spend much of their time in "current security," patrols, garrison duty, etc. Not all of this work needs to be done by elite forces. Some of it can be assumed by upgrading the underemployed "tail" in the standing army, leaving reservists more time to make money and be with their families.

NONE OF these solutions is complete, and each has serious drawbacks. Technical questions include the effect of advanced technology and required instruction and training programs, and the interchangeability of popcombat regulars and

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lenges are just as daunting. A revision of the national service laws, for example, must consider the question of compulsory nonmilitary service and take into account such issues as women's rights and responsibilities, relations between religious and secular, and the sta-

tus of minorities Any change will undoubtedly affect some people adversely, probably leading to protests by civilian groups and resistance from within the military establishmeot. All these complications explain why governments have thus far preferred a foorth option - do

nothing. There is an old American adape which says, "If it ain't broke, don't for it." No one suggests that the IDF is broken. On the contrary, it is, despite distortions and inefficiencies, the most powerful army in the region and still one of the world's most capable and effective.

wrong with a system which denies

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What?

ting of a drop of blood from the sexual organ of each adult male (a confirmation of their Jewishness, which incidentally has still not been fully recognized); and with the proviso that their children woold attend religioos schools. The Ethiopians agreed. Most of them underwent the

came to Israel all wrapped

bloodletting ritual, a physically, spiritually and collectively humiliating business, and their children go to state religious schools. They were told it was for their own good, and they believed it.

They were all, io a bundle, placed in absorption centers; and the children were put into absorption classes. They were told it was for the sake of their advancement and their integration, and they really wanted to believe

All of them were given blood tests, and it was explained to anyooe who enquired that "they had many enotaginus diseases. They were given preventive pills en masse, which caused horrendous stomachaches. These they suffered stoically - or threw away the pills secretly - and didn't un-derstand why Israelis were being warned not to come near them for six months.

Their rabhis were dispatched like a pack of fools to a course at the "real" rabbinate given by Isracli rabbis, and the childreo were sent away to religions boarding schools. They were told that this would make them equal

in the eyes of "kosher" Israeli

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Jews, aod that their children would have an equal opportunity coulda't take. to go on to higher education.

And if their kesim hadn't been barred from the rabbinate, and if most of their childreo hadn't failed their bagrut, they might almost have believed it.

And then they were all branded with the mark of AIDS, and it was even explained to them that it had nothing to do with racism.

And then, like Ahad Ha'am's Jews faced with blood-libel, they couldn't believe any longer. This

> treatment was for their own good. Then came the AIDS scare

latest hlood-libel was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Had there been some differentiation made, for example, between Ethiopians who came here in the '80s and those who came in the '90s; or between the young generation (which tends to have an active sex life) and older people (who are generally less sexually active) the immigrants might have played along. They might have kept quiet had they been told openly that they couldn't donate their blood and been given a reason, valid or not. That they might well have accepted.

But they found themselves treated like some hlighted, primitive group, like a bunch of lepers,

and that even the Ethiopians

WHAT THE authorities are now saying is that they were only trying to preserve the Ethiopian immigrants' sense of honor - but the immigrants have stopped believing either the facts as presented, or in the authorities' good inten-

tions. So have L "There's an optical illusion here about the proportion of HIV carriers among Ethiopian immi-grants," said Dr. Ronny Shtark-

The Ethiopians were told their

shall, of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Pohlic Health and Community Medicine in a Ma'ariv interview two years ago, during the previous wave of rumors. "There has been no general check for HIV carriers amoog the Israeli population. The estimate is 3,000, but the real figure cannot be known.

"And in any case," the doctor said. "the iocidence of AIDS among Ethiopian Jews is far lower than in Western countries like the US, Switzerland and France. This is chiefly because sexual promiscuity and homosexuality, the most frequent causes of HIV transmission, simply don't exist."

Shtarkshall remarked that he

come into contact with people they didn't know than Jews from Ethiopia

who had backpacked abroad and

But this stand, explicit as it was, didn't prevent the reporter from cootinuing to treat AIDS amoog Ethiopian immigrants as an established fact,

The doctor then weot ioto great detail in the interview about a Joint Distributioo Committeefunded project he was involved in to educate the Ethiopians about AIDS.

For a project of this type you oced a severe social or medical problem. And oow the doctor had a problem - he seemed to be contradicting himself.

Is there or isn't there a huge risk, above the average, of AIDS io the Ethiopiao community here?

I have a theory: There are various interested parties here, and all of them want to preserve the Ethiopians as a mass to be manipnlated, concentrated in absorption centers (which need a reason to go oo receiving funds for existing), and dominated.

Once it has been "established" that the Ethiopians as a community pose an AIDS danger, they can be smeared with mod, tricked, their children isolated, and their blood tossed into the garbage bucket.

For long years to come, the Ethiopians will go on filling a mystical, much-needed role for researchers, absorptioo organizations, and the media.

The writer lectures on sociology and anthropology at Beit Berl College in Kfar Sava.



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But there is something seriously

individual choice more than is absolutely necessary, forces the army to waste and misuse people, and denies them to other sectors of society which need them more. The reason we have political leadership is to fix things like this.

NATO planes help end **Bosnia standoff**

KURT SCHORK SARAJEVO

NATO called its warplanes into action to warn off Bosnian soldiers in a confrontation with NATO ground troops, in the first such use of close air support since the peacekeepers entered Bosnia, NATO said yesterday.

The standoff ended peacefully after two US A-10 "tank-buster" planes fiew over an area of southern Bosnia where Spanish soldiers had found 30 Bosnian government troops with big stocks of weapons and ammunition inside a "demilitarized" zone.

NATO said the Bosnians agreed to be disarmed and leave the area after an hour on Wednesday night.

"Sometimes a show of force is a good idea and it saves you having to use force," NATO spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Rayner said. "We're not worried that this (incident) is a challenge to the peace agreement." Two NATO vehicles came un-

der fire in the Serb-held Sarajevo suburb Ilidza on Wednesday evening, bringing to six the number of sniping attacks on peacekeeping soldiers there since Sunday.

> The Institute for the Advancement of Education in Jaffa and the Belt Shemesh Educational Center extend sincerest condolences to George Balint on the passing of his beloved wife

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The commander of NATO forces in Bosnia, US Navy Admiral Leighton Smith, said a sniper was hard to spot.

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"But boy, let me tell you, if we do see him he had better be fast and be clad in bullet-proof stuff. Because we will attack without warning," Smith told reporters in Washington.

Serb military forces must this weekend quit the Sarajevo suburbs they held throughout the war as the Moslem and Croat Bosnian government begins to take control. Many Serb civilians are leaving.

Moslems and Croats living in the Serb-held district of Grbavica said they suffered a nightly reign of terror at the hands of Serb men angry over having to abandon the area under the terms of the Bosnian peace agreement.

But Sarajevn's Bridge of Brotherhood and Unity opened for virtually unrestricted civilian font traffic, reuniting government and Serb-held areas in the city center for the first time in nearly four years.

(Reuter)



after beginning an open-ended strike. (Remer) Miners from Donbass, Ukraine protest outside government offices in Kiev yesterday

500,000 Russian coalminers strike

UP to half a million coalminers began a nation-wide strike in Russia yesterday to demand payment of months of wage arrears in a potentially damaging blow to President Boris Yeltsin.

Tens of thousands of miners also went on strike in neighboring Ukraine, demanding

their unpaid wages and disability benefits. The likely political and economic impact of the strike in Russia was hard to gauge because some miners were embarking on an all-out, indefinite stoppage and others planned to re-fuse coal deliveries to consumers for only 48

Russia's coalmining manopoly Rosugol put the number of strikers at more than 300,000. It said 118 of Russia's 182 pits and 27 of its 63 open-cast mines had joined the strike.

Union leaders said about 500,000 workers

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- had downed tools to press demands for the government to settle the wage bill and increase state support for the coal industry," which has been hit hard by Western-style reforms and faces tough times ahead.

The Russian government, which shares the wage burden with Rosugol, says it is caught in a vicious circle where it cannot afford to pay all the miners' wages on time because it is owed money by enterprises which have not paid for coal deliveries.

In Ukraine, a trade union representative in the aging Donbass coalfield said 104 of 251 pits were taking part in an open-ended strike.

Nearly 100 others were refusing to load coal. Most Ukrainian miners have received monthly wages equivalent to between \$50 and \$75 since October. Others have not received disability payments since July.

Friday, February 2, 1996

Miners' protests have in the past carried political weight in both Ukraine and Russia. A nine-week strike in 1991 weakened the authority of then Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and helped boost Boris Yelfsin, whn went on to be elected Russian president in June 1991.

But this time, the strike was an unwelcome 65th birthday gift for Yeltsin; A prolonged stoppage could help his Communist foes in the run-up to the June 16 presidential election, in which Yeltsin is expected to run.

Chirac to **Congress:** Nuke tests are over

The Jerusalem Post

WASHINGTON (AP) - French President Jacques Chirac promised the US Congress yesterday that France has finished its nucle-

cotting the speech, saying France's end to testing just two days before his US visit came too late to win their applause. "We return the insult with our insult," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, congressional delegate from the

"Together we must promote disarmament and combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," Chirac said in an official English translation of his speech provided by the French

France has finished once and for all its nuclear testing, after a final series designed to give us the assurance that our deterrent capability is reliable and safe," he said.

President Clintnn hailed Chirac, on the first visit by a French president in a dozen years, as "the leader of a great

nation and great people." Welcoming the French leader at the White House, Clinton stressed the two nations' long ties and did not mention the nuclear dispute.

Chirac abruptly canceled the testing program Monday after the largest blast of the last series of Pacific tests on Saturday.

Clinton, at the White House for one of two scheduled meet-ings with Chirac, said, "Together we are raising the flag of an undivided Europe. We are transform-ing NATO to meet new

challenges." In his arrival remarks at the White House, Chirac also steered clear of the testing issue.

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an Islamic lobby in the United States.

"We strongly deny that the Jamahiriya (Libya) contributed this amount," the official Libyan news agency JANA said, commenting on US media reports that Farrskhan would be summoned by Congress over Libya's alleged financial support.

Libyan leader Musmmer Gaddafi vowed in September to spend up to \$1b. to set up such a lobby.

Poll: Forbes favored in New Hampshire primary

BOSTON (AP) - Publisher Steve

Fnrbes has surged into the lead among Republican presidential

candidates less than three weeks

before the New Hampshire pri-

mary, a new survey of likely vot-

Forbes passed Senate Majority

Leader Bob Dole in the poll, con-

ducted by the Boston Globe and WBZ-TV, and would receive 31

percent of the vote if the primary

were held now, the Globe report-

ed in yesterday's editions.

Forbes' gain compared with 17

percent support he received in a similar survey three weeks

Dole, whn has been the front-

runner for the past year, received 22 percent in the latest poll, while

political commentator Patrick Buchanan got 11. percent.

ers shows.

by Lebanese newspapers as calling the Moslem militant faction

and its MPs terrorists. "The US ambassador's remarks are a bostile start for an official who wants to represent his country in a country that has suffered a lot from American policy and its ag-gressiveness and mistakes," Hiz-

bullah said in a statement. The group, which has eight members in Lebanon's 128-seat parliament, said the reported re-

But the poll also showed most

voters want to know more about

Forbes - a 48-year-old multimil-

linnaire magazine heir who has

never held elective office - an

indicator that the race in New

Hampshire's February 20 prima-

Six other candidates lagged be-

ry remains wolatile, the newspa-

hind, although former Tennessee

Gov. Lamar Alexander im-

praved to 9 percent from 5

percent in the previous sur-

per said.

than 1 percent.

It said the Lebanese government should refuse to accept such a message from Jones when he presented his credentials.

Jones, who is due to take up his post this month, was quoted by the Beirut daily an-Nahar as saying in an interview in Washington published on Tuesday "the United States considers Hizbullah tu be a terrurist organization."

The poll has a margin of error

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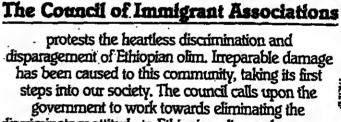
ingly nn his status as an outsider

to Washington politics, even as support for his plan to replace the

federal graduated income tax with a 17 percent flat tax has slipped, the Globe said. "Forbes maintains tremendous

mainentum. He continues to grow as the Dole campaign basi-

points.



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discriminatory attitude to Ethiopian olim and to ensure that their integration is achieved with full equality.



In yet another accurate prediction, on November 27. 1995 Brian Marber, world renowned investment analyst, forecast an imminent rise of gold prices from a low of \$383.15 per ounce.

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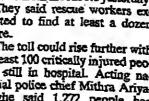
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WORLD BRIEFS

Ex-minister named to form Italian gov't ROME (Reuter) - President Oscar Lnigi Scalfaro named a 71year-old former cabinet minister, Antonio Maccanico, as prime minister-designate yesterday to try to form Italy's 55th government since World War Two.

Rebel jet bombs central Kabul, seven killed

KABUL (AP) - A lone rebel jet bombed a market district in the heart of the Afghan capital yesterday, killing seven people and wounding dozens more.

The jet streaked overhead, unscathed by the city's anti-aircraft defenses, dropping four bombs on central Kabul.

A government military commander said the aircraft belonged in the rebel Taliban militia, which has vowed to crush President Burhanuddin Rabbani's government.

'Mass grave wasn't for Holocaust victims' VIENNA (AP) - Experts looking for the origins of skeletons found in Upper Austria earlier this week yesterday said the dead in the mass grave were not Holocaust victims.

Earlier reports, and Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, had suggested that the human remains found were Hungarian Jews who perished in or near Nazi death camps in the area.

Historians and other experts said the human remains were of men aged 18-22 with teeth in good condition, which they said suggests they were soldiers.

cally collapses," said Gerry Cher-viosky of KRC Communications Texas Sen. Phil Gramm had 7 percent, Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar Research, which conducted the received 3 percent, Illinois busipoll. nessman Morry Taylor and radio "But no one should assume Forbes is going to win New Hampshire. He's the front-runtalk-show host Alan Keyes gnt 1 percent each, and California Rep. Bob Dornan received less ner of the moment in a very fluid

race."

Sri Lanka: We'll step up attacks on Tamil rebels

COLOMBO (Reuter) - Sri Lan-kan Justice Minister G.L. Peiris yesterday vowed to intensify military operations against Tamil Ti-

ger rebels after a suicide bornb in the heart of Colombo killed up to 80 people. This calamity underlines the paramount need to defeat the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil

Eelam). Military operations will be intensified in the north and east," he told a news conference.

at the central bank and seven nearby buildings gutted by the blast, said eight charted bodies were un-

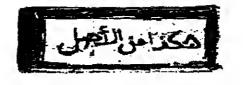
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at least 100 critically injured people still in hospital. Acting national police chief Mithra Ariyasinghe said 1,272 people had been wounded and more than 900 were still in hospital.

Police supervising rescue work

earthed from the rubble yesterday. They said rescue workers ex-

The toll could rise further with



S IN FOCUS

After 10 years, **Ethiopian** Jews raise their voice

Haim Shapiro traces the immigrants' trek from a quiet sit-in to this most Israeli of protests

hen, what I saw was old men and women, wrapped in their white embroidered ing: now, there were young peo-ple, shaking their fists and shout-

stration this week at the Prime Minister's Office, following the disclosure that blood donated by members of the community had been discarded because of fear that it might be contaminated with the HIV virus, brought back poignant memories of another just

over 10 years ago. At that time, members of the community held a sit-in opposite Jerusalem's Heichal Shlomo, the seat of the Chief Rabbinate, to protest the chief rabhis' order that Ethiopian Jews undergo a symbolie conversion ceremony before they could marry.

In what appeared to be an almost mystical quest, Ethiopian Jews made then way to Jerusalem. Some of them were veterans of the long, dangerous trek from Ethiopía to Sudan, from whieb

They came on foot to Jerusalem. Bundled against the Jerusalem night chill in an upmarket neigh-

shawls, sitting patiently and wait-The Ethiopian-Jewish demon-

they were airlifted here.

borbood, they appeared to be strangers from another era. At night, they beld long meet-

ings in Amharic, at which everyone seemed to have a say. And night after night they decided to

cootinue the protest. The demoostration this week was short and forceful. Thousands

strators and police were injured. In 1985, it was difficult to find anyone other than the group's spokesman who spoke Hebrew. Even when individual demonstra-tors did speak Hebrew, their accent made them difficult to understand

and served in an elite IDF unit. "I did things [in the demonstra-

tion] that many Israelis wouldn't have done," he said. The violence shocked police,

who were not prepared for it, and the general public, which bad viewed Ethiopian Jews as peaceful, even passive. Indeed, such violence would have been unthinkable in 1985, when then-chief rabbis Avrabam Shapiro and Mordechai Eliahu visited the demonstrators to urge them to stop their protest.

The police were also not prepared for the sheer number of demonstrators. In 1985, there seemed to be plenty of room for all the protesters to stretch out at night. This week, they were



The good news for Ethi-pian immigrants was that their demonstration enjoyed wide support across the country.

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The fire next time may be hotter

THE emotional intensity and violence of the Ethiopian immigrant population not only took the police standing guard at their demonstration-last Sunday by surprise, it shocked all of Israeli society. Throughout the week, the radio airwaves were buzzing with the public's incredulity at the level of anger and bitterness that erupted when Ethiopian Israelis learned that their blood was not considered fit to be used for donations.

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An ethnie group that has been stereotyped as docile, accepting and eternally grateful for its deliv-erance from Ethiopia to Israel had let out a scream of rage and pain that was impossible to ignore. When the demonstrators cried,

Ethiopian Jews' growing indignation may explode if their grievances are not redressed, Allison Kaplan Sommer reports

about whether the government's response can match it. "I'm a little" bit concerned, because what I see going on is politics as usual."

Young Ethiopians themselves are much more blunt about their cynicism about the new committee being set up in response to the demonstrations. The committee has been charged by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, not only with addressing the issue of the blood donations, but "all of the

and says that young Ethiopians will be carefully watching which members of the community are appointed to the government com-mittee, Even Messala, who bas been the community's most visible spokesman over the past week, articulating their coocerns accurately and emotionally, is not completely trusted by youog Ethiopians.

Messala's organization gets its budget from the Jewish Agency, the Absorption Ministry and Mikonen believes that the leader too is beholden to the government. and too cozy with the Labor Party. In fact. Messala is running for a slot oo the party Knesset electioo

toward it." :

GOVEZE ECHANASA, 38, head of the Movement for Ethiopian Jewry, says simply, that Israel is a racist society."

Hè, too, is a veteran of many political battles. In 1984, he points out, when the key decisions regarding the education of Ethiopians were made, Yitzhak Navon was minister of education, and now he is being appointed to

decided on our fate, sent us to ghettos, lo very weak boarding schools, who implemented a policy of deliberate discriminatioo that is driving our youth to des-peration and crime supposed to find out what was wrong?" Echanasa asks.

Peres has directed the Navon committee to iovestigate bow to improve the situation for Ethiopian Israelis in the future, not rehashing the mistakes of the past. But Echanasa warns, "we demand accountability. We want to know who made the decisions that our children were made to feel unequal, that seot them to schools io which there was oo possibility we could send them to

the universities, why we were forced by housing policies to go to

This time, thousands of demonstrators shouted their anger and frustration in excellent, colloquial Hebrew. One was Adi Menashe,

water cannon. About 70 demon-

28, of Kfar Sava. For him, the violence was not surprising. "I'd like to see what would happen if this accusation was made

against any other community," he said, referring to the identification of the Ethiopian Jews as a high-risk AIDS group.

MENASHE immigrated in 1980. attended a state-religious school

leaders on Sunday, it was for 12 years of discrimination and bumiliation. As Ethiopian leader Addisu Messala put it when addressing Knesset's Absorption the Committee, it was as if the community's pride and dignity had been thrown in the garbage along

with its donated blood. From the leaders of the Ethiopian community and those who know the community, it is clear that the issue of blood donations is only the tip of an iceberg when it came to its grievances. And it is even clearer that if nothing is done to seriously resolve the problems more eruptions are inevitable.

"If this event is a flash in the pan, and the real problems aren't addressed - and they don't begin and end with the issue of blood then I think there will be a disaster," says Micha Odenheimer, director of the Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews. The next time, the anger will be even greater. I am hopeful that this is going to be a turning point.

"One of the bright spots this week is that the Israeli public has shown a great deal of sympathy toward the Ethiopians. Even the policemen who were injured in the demonstration came out and said they were behind the community."

WHILE ODENHEIMER is buoyed by the wave of public sympathy, he is less cheerful

"Shame oo you!" at the country's issues that are causing pain" to the Ethiopians, and will be headed by former president Yitzhak Navon. "Promises and lies, promises and lies," mutters Benny

Mikonen, 30, a reserve IDF offi-cer, when asked what he expects from the committee. Mikonen has enjoyed success

since immigrating; be is well-educated, well-integrated, fluent in Hebrew. But two years ago, he had a political awakening. "I walked into the rabbinate in

Ashdod and said that I wanted to get married," be recalls. "Without asking any other questions about who I was, they immediately said that they would not marry Ethiopians. To say that to a Jew is taking away his identity. From the moment I heard them say that sentence, I have felt like I don't know what people I belong to. J don't feel like an Israeli anymore. They killed my feeling of belonging."

Since then, Mikonen has been active in the fight for recognition. He is a veteran of meetings with Knesset members, the chief rabbi and other leaders. He is skeptical of the community's traditional leadership, and expresses frustration that following initial protests in the 1980s, the elders of the community, the kessim, were coopted when they were given gov-ernment salaries, trading security for only partial recognition of the community's Jewishness.

HE TRUSTS no authority figure,

list. "It's absurd to call his group an Nobody nmbrella organization. Nobody elected him, the Israeli establishment picked him. It's comfortable to work with them." He says he fears political deals that will guarantee officials like Messala political advancement and leave the rest of the community where it started. But unlike in the 1980s, when the kessim were quieted, he says it won't work this time.

"Believe me, we, the young people, we are not stupid. We don't believe their promises. The young people, the soldiers who spilled their blood for this country, won't give up until we are firstclass citizens."

Mikonen says he doesn't justify the violence that burst forth in the demonstration. "I am still angry, furious. The establishment bas created a stigma, that is difficult to get rid of - the perception that all of us have AIDS. We go onto huses, people don't want to sit next to us. Soon we will have separate buses for blacks and whites.

"We live in separate neighborhoods, we go to separate schools. In South Africa and the US, gov-ernments are working to move away from discrimination and segregation, and we are moving

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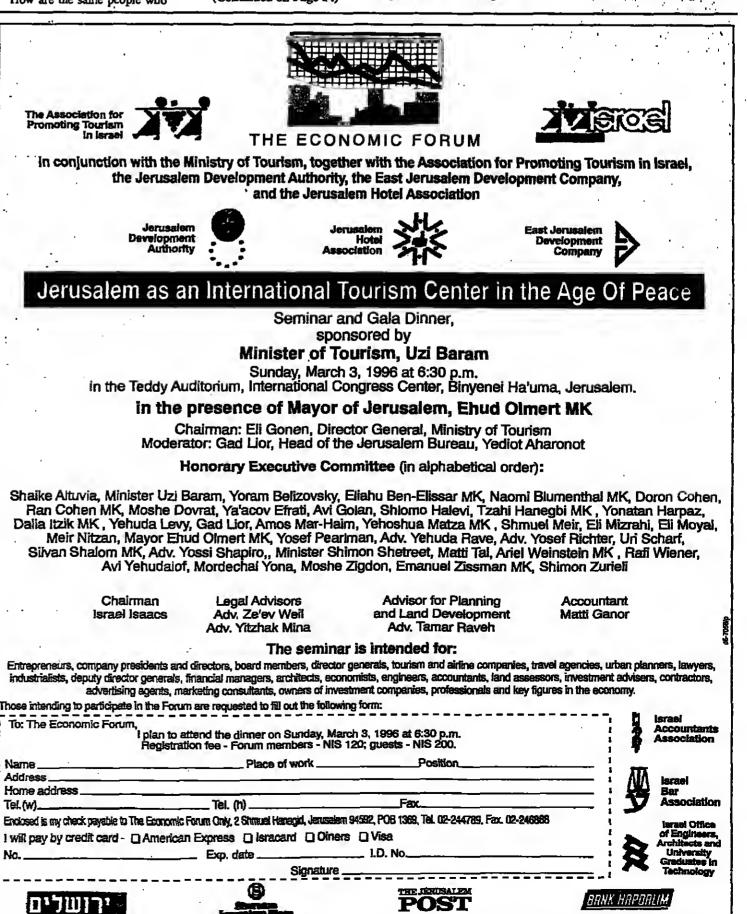
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the committee that is supposed to correct the ills done to the Ethiopians. "How are the same people who

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came from all over the country on chartered buses. They shouted and threw stones, and police responded with tear gas and a

crowded into a small space across the street from the Prime (Continued on Page 14)



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Likud campaign strategy is up a creek

cute political distress has hred in the Likud a desperate need to do something. almost anything, to avert the looming electoral disaster.

Concerned about confused, illconsidered moves, someone in Metzudat Ze'ev recently likened his party to a swimmer who, caught in a treacherous undercurrent, begins making frantic, energy-consuming yet inefficient strokes to keep afloat. But the more he jerks about panic-stricken, the further he gets sucked into the whirlpool.

To former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, such futile flappings in the tempestuous political seas are now hringing his party's leadership dangerously close to tampening with Likud ideology.

He concedes that "a crazy assassin's hullets have inflicted serious injuries upon the Likud, hut that does not mean that a single event, unfortunate and damaging as it may be, should be allowed to alter a whole movement's credo - a credo which remains as right and as just as it was prior to the assassination."

Shamir's anxiety about the Likud's condition is not excessive. He is not alone in realizing that the slain Yitzhak Rabin will no doubt posthumously star in Labor's election campaign. His picture will be hoisted, fiery things will be said in his name and his legacy will be on all lips.

The Likud is indeed haunted hy Rabin. For all its hrave words about taking a beating hut keeping on ticking, the national camp doesn't quite know how to do it. Any faith there might have been in the healing power of time is fading fast. The three months which elapsed since the assassination did not radically improve the Likud's situation, though the polls do show its Knesset list holding up well against Labor. But this is not so in the first-ever direct showdown for the premiership, where Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu continues to trail far behind incumbent Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Rabin's mantle appears to have been draped effectively over Peres's chronic image problems, resulting in a steady lead of about 20 percent for Peres.

Netanyahu is being hampered hy his own image problems, as well as hy the undeniable concerted post-assassination campaign to somehow blame him for the shooting.

Aggravating the national camp's plight is the fact that there is not much time left to do much about

As elections approach, Likud is scrambling to develop a winning strategy, Sarah Honig reports

months, things will turn around with the help of some deus ex machina.

Until then, the Likud swimmers continue to thrash about and fling their arms in all directions, perhaps in search of a straw to clutch al or the floaring vote to cling to. If common political wisdom can be relied on in such a perilous political predicament. Netanyahu must go after the nonaligned elec-torate adrift between Labor and the Likud.

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for Peres.

THE DIEHARDS, reason many Likud strategists, ultimately have no one better to support for prime minister than Netanyahu. He should therefore concentrate on wresting support from his opponent.

But thus Netanyahu would be doing precisely what the purists hike Shamir and MK Benny Begin – caution against. They warn that he could just as easily transfer floar ing support to Peres hy hlurting distinctions in order to appear more moderate and pragmatic and thereby appeal to the political center.

However, theirs is now clearly a minority opinion in the Likud. Netanyahu is increasingly coun-

seled hy those around him that, rather than be the constant naysayer, he should actually show program, an amended platform, an alternative. This same advice was dispensed a couple of years ago, though few today remember the alternative blueprint Netanyahu produced then. As Labor learned from its stint in the opposition, when it churned out dozens of plans, they tend to be complex and fail to grip

the imagination. All of this will not keep Netanyahu from trying. He must do something, even at the risk of vexing those already converted, as

he reaches out to those he may yet have a chance of converting. "What is at stake isn't an ideo-logical change. Being in the oppo-sition, we need to react to a given situation created by the present government and we need to explain how we would deal with the changed reality if we are returned to power," Netanyahu answers his critics and stresses that he will not send the IDF to reconquer the cities handed over to the PLO

to the PLO. "But these cities are not the only issue. There is territory which has not yet been ceded. We will contain the Palestinian Autonomy. Whereas we won'l actively reverse what has already been done, we can keep a bad situation from getting worse hy putting the hrakes on reckless Israeli concessions to a side that views them as part of its scheme to eradicate the Jewish state in phases."

Those who paid attention to Netanyahu's earlier proposals will recognize that he is hasically repeating his notion of autonomy in the major Arab population cen-ters, which will he surrounded by areas of Israeli settlement, under Israeli control, to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state - all generally in keeping with the Camp David concept of autonom

As MK Tzahi Haneghi, one of Netanyahu's closest cronies and Geula Cohen's son, insisted this week, "there is no real departure here from the Likud platform and certainly not from our ideology. What we have here are tactical adjustments to a new situation ... Certainly, no one can accuse me of betraying our cause."

The reprinting of a second, only slightly revised edition of the position paper which generated no excitement two years ago, will doubtlessly, however, stir lots of passions on the Likud's right with elections in the offing. Tsomet, Moledet and the NRP

will gleefully depict Netanyahu as a heretic and claim new raison d'etre for their separate political existence. The same cheer is instilled in

Meretz hy Peres's courting of the undecided. He is lately emitting quite hawkish noises and has gone to the length of hiring the services of the most ultra-Orthodox Bnei Brak publicist.

Albeit in differing degrees of erity, the sam prohlem

Next hurdle: The Covenant Mithaq (see box).

PLO examined the initial returns from the Palestinian elections, both sides such as Arafat anyway? After the Palestinian elections turned their eyes to what may be and the Palestinian-Israeli treaties, the greatest stumbling block so far does it really matter what the their peace process: the

Palestinian covenant. The covenant, effectively the constitution of the PLO, is an important symbol of unity to Palestimans just as it has

been a red flag for Israelis. Even "opposition" groups, such the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and George Habash's Popular Front, are signatories to the covenant and therefore constituent members of the PLO.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said several times this week that it would be impossible for the PLO to continue to reap the benefits of peace without changing its consti-tution, which clearly advocates Israel's destruction. Otherwise, said Peres, Arafat would have to withdraw the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) from the PLO, effectively disbanding the organization.

Palestinian leaders have said that the Israeli government demands to amend or cancel the covenant immediately are an Israeli ploy to delay final imple-mentation of agreements with the PLO or to win favor with the Israeli electorate

Officials of the PNA have suggested that on the issue of the covenant, as on the issue of PNA activities in Jerusalem, the Israeli right is trapping the Peres govern-ment. perhaps leading to a Palestinian-Israeli crisis.

Salim Za'anun, the acting speaker of the Palestinian National Council (PNC), the PLO's parliament until the recent elections, hinted that by insisting that the covenant be amended within two months after the elections. Israel is really trying to put off unpopular measures such as withdrawal from Hebron,

What PNA officials do not say publicly to the Israeli media is that the covenant is very popular with Palestinians and that the new 85member PNA legislative council will not easily change it. Arafat himself and his media organs have spent much of the last two years reiterating many of the themes found in the covenant. Can he really make such an about-face now?

Many of Arafat's major opponents reject changes in the second covenant or link them to total Israeli capitulation on issues in the final status talks.

Dr. Haidar Abdul-Shafi, the former head of the delegation to talks with Israel in Washington, has

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not bound PLO policy makers Palestinians ratified in 1964? An answer to these and other questions can come only from a review of the document Palestinians lovingly call al-

FOR MANY years, the Israel viewed the covenant as the ultimate proof of the undying PLO

hostility. Amendments in 1968 actually made it even more violently anti-Israel and anti-Jewish, by demanding the removal of all Jews who had arrived in Palestine not only after 1947 but even those who arrived after 1917, the date now called "the beginning of the

Zionist invasion. But in the 1980s, there were growing voices in Israel arguing that the covenant, while symbolically important to some Palestinians, was not really important to the PLO leadership itself.

In 1984, Yossi Beilin, then deputy foreign minister, forbade the previous practice of Israeli embassies of distributing copies of the covenant finding it 10 be irrelevant.

For example, Articles 9 and 21 reject political solutions, focusing only on military means. But some analysts note that the PNC's adoption in 1974 of the "strategy of stages" - being ready to accept less than all of Palestine, at least as a first stage - effectively hlunt-ed some of this ideology, at least tactically.

In the years before his death, Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi, the man who had origi-nally translated the covenant into Hebrew, said that the PLO's constitution had been overtaken hy events.

Harkabi cited the PNC declarations of Algiers in 1988 suggesting PLO willingness to have a state side by side with Israel. Harkabi also cited the ongoing research on the PLO by his protege, doctoral student Matti Steinberg, who found that the PLO had abandoned the ideology symbolized hy its covenant while choosing instead a pragmatic course.

Steinherg went so far as to declare in a lecture in February, 1989, that Yasser Arafat had even abandoned the demand for "the right of return." I asked Steinberg about Arafat's alleged concession. He referred to an article in Foreign Affairs by Professor Walid Khalidi, a US-based Palestinian scholar, where the possible concession on the right of return was discussed.

"Khalidi would not have done that without Arafat's approval,"

asserted Steinberg. This kind of lack of clarity also surrounds other supposed concessions made by Arafat including declaring thecovenant his "caduc," a French word meaning old-fashioned, an act widely reported as Arafat's nullification of the covenant. "Arafat could not invalidate the covenant any more than an American polinician could make an announcement canceling the US constitution," remarked Dr. Rafael Israeli, an expert at the Hebrew University who has studied PLO statements on the covenant.

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it. All indications now are that Peres will not pass up the temptation to go to early elections while he can still bask in Rabin's halo. Not surprisingly, private conver-sations with top Likud figures begin with a deep sigh, followed hy pessimistic predictions, which then lead to a vague hope that somehow in the remaining

plagues pragmatists of all persuasions. While Netanyahu tries to keep his nose above water and find a possible lifeline in the political center, so Peres, confident as he has the right to be at this juncture, nevertheless seeks to pad his seemingly sound raft with as many floating voter straws as he can pluck from the tide.

insisted that changes in the covenant be tied to dismantling Israeli settlements. He could lead opponents in a campaign against covenant change, using the issue to hurt Arafar.

Why, say PLO supporters, sub-ject Arafat's leadership to such stress when the covenant is an old-fashioned document that has

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THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAL YUDELMAN

T was a cunning military infiltration of an enemy stronghold, a daring sortic down treacherous alleyways of political hostility, yet there they were - Lahor's generals in Likud's booi camp, Jerusalem's Mahanch Yehuda market.

The stallholders certainly fell for the element of surprise as Housing Minister Binyamin (Fund) Ben-Eliezer and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak dropped hy on an apparently casual visit, a political odd couple, strolling side-by-side.

This market has been for Likudniks what Lourdes is for Catholics. a place of pilgrimage for true believers in times of trou-Sic. Like election time.

It was an oasis where Likud and right-wing politicians could rest from campaign storms, a place where they could always hear the sweet music of popular support and encouraging cheers. But Labor ministers?

"Until not long ago, a Labor politician couldn'i leave Mahaneh Yehuda market without tomato purce on his jacket,"

Fuad said.

Not surprisingly, at first Fuad and Barak were treated like aliens in The X-Files ("Intruder alert! Intruder alert!") - confused reactions, lots of astonishment and lots of defensive cries of "Bibi for prime minister." no rival in this role and he has placed more people in johs than

But astonishment soon gave way to warmth ~ after all, where is a little hutzpa better apprecialed than in the bazaar.

into Fuad's legendary networking and organizational web. Out came the obligatory humous and pickles and soon the Barak may have missed the point that he himself is being net-Lahoring cheeks were wet with sweat and kisses. their lips red worked hy Fuad, as he fights for with strawberries. a sunny spot on Labor's Knesset

"Labor "Labor has conquered Mahaneh Yehuda," the old has warhorses declared with as much surprise as hraggadocio as they squeezed kiwis and praised persimmons.

This colorful men-of-the-people photo-opportunity had another purpose. It put on the record the ad-hoc alliance between Fuad and Barak, a necessity mothered hy the primaries.

Barak is running neck and neck with Haim Ramon for the No. 2 slot after Shimon Peres on Lahor's Top 10. To counter Ramon's mass appeal, the former chief-of-staff needs to loosen up his cool, starched, Ashkenazi

expenses of renting venues, send-ing campaign mail to tens of thousands of constituents, orgaimage. Fuad is the answer. Here is the election stuff of shoulder-thumpnizing activities and oiling the ing familiarity with the Sephardic community, a man who cannot public relations machine that stroll the sidewalk without being feeds the media. hailed hy "the street." Fuad has

Labor's Yossi Beilin and Yael Dayan, for instance, sent a joint (read cheaper) mailing to party members of the United Kihbutz Movement and the Arab sector-One of the first such joint ventures was hatched hy Likud MKs Silvan Shalom, Tzahi Haneghi and Limor Livnat, all vying for

the Likud Top 10. The threesome began joint public appearances several weeks ago, sharing the cost of the balls and events. But theirs is also a

solid alliance which is predicted to outlive the primaries. The Fuad-Barak alliance is just Ministers Shetreet, Moshe Shahal and Ya'acov Tzur formed one of the joint ventures which are becoming a fashion accessory a partnership aimed to he a defensive wall against the attrac-Primaries are an expensive tive new upstarts popping up all

husiness. Lahor's maximum over the party. allowed expense for a candidate Alas, it fell through at once is NIS 250,000 on the national hecause Shahal and Shetreet list and NIS 150,000 on the loathe each other. regional list - a tidy sum indeed,

MODERATE RELIGIOUS ZIONISM - IS THERE SUCH A THING?

No sooner had Meimad put out

feelers for forming a party, than the National Religious Party (last election slogan: to be always "on your right") started talking of a Zionist-religious front, NRP leader MK Zevulun

Hammer, after talks with Meimad leader Minister Yehuda Amital, said he sees no possibility of making common cause with the haredi or other right-wing parties. But he could see a religious-Zionist front.

Amital was pleased at this sign of the NRP returning to its more centrist roots.

"I would do anything so that the NRP returns to the center," he said. Meimad will decide hy the end

of Fehruary whether to take the election plunge. Meanwhile, it has hired media-whiz Yariv Ben-Eliezer to run its campaign. Amital this week spoke out in

support of civil marriage for some 30,000 immigrants from former Soviet states who cannot many according to Halacha. "It is absurd," he said. "A solu-

tion enabling them to marry must be found. It is very strange that religious Jewry should send olim to marry in Cyprus."

Addressing Meimad activists and branch heads. Amital hlasted

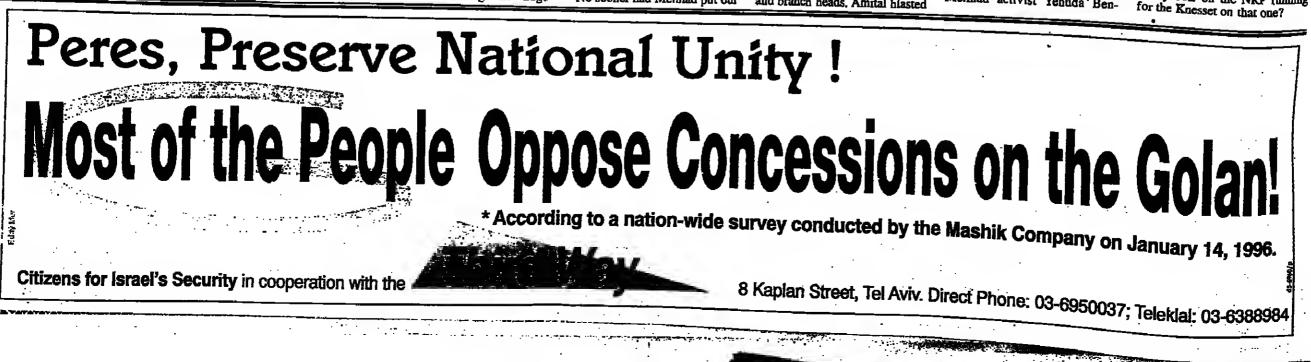
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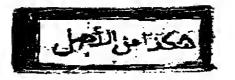


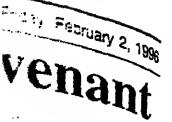
Barak (left) and Fuad (center) accept a blessing by Rav Zacharia at the beginning of their Mahane Yehuda stroll. (Brian Hendler)

those in the national-religious Meir said Meimad does not reject camp whose positions are so rada Palestinian state since such an ical that they resemble Natorej entity is not a violation of any Karta and those who use Halacha principle or edict of Torah or Halacha.

Former MK and central Any bets on the NRP running Meimad activist Yehuda Ben-







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Washington growing impatient with Peres

US officials complain that Israel keeps upping its demands, Steve Rodan reports

Text week, Warren Christopher arrives in the Middle East for his 17th visit as US secretary of : state; he has traveled to this region more times than to such powers as Russia, China or Britain.

As he did 16 times before, Christopher will start his trip in Israel, listen to the . assessments of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and sound them out for what they hope to hear from Syria during his current shuttle. Then, he will fly to Damascus and sit for hours with Syrian President Hafez Assad and listen to his positions and determine his willingness to meet the Israeli positions.

It's a job that requires unlimited patience and an ability to cut through rhetoric and determine the real positions of Israel and Syria - essentially the kind of work Christopher, an attorney by training, is cut out for. But even for Christopher, 17 times might be too much.

"He feels a certain impatience," says Martin Indyk, the US ambassador to Israel. "He wants the pace of the negoti-ations accelerated."

Although none of them has done so publicly, US officials are grumbling these days. They complain that the Clinton administration is working at a futious pace to bring Israel and Syria to a model peace while the Peres government is being sidetracked by election fever.

Suddenly, the US officials say, their Israeli counterparts have been upping the price for an accord with Syria. The: late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin made it clear that what mattered to him was security arrangements on the Golan Heights. Peres wants that, plus normalization betweeo Damascus and Jerusalem as well as a comprehensive peace with virtually the entire Arab. world.

Indyk, during an address to Bar-Ilan University's BESA Center for Strategic Studies oo Wednesday, disclosed that a week before his death, Rabin had agreed that the US would "broker" an accord oo security arrangements, oo the Golan, Heights during the first quarter of 1996, after the passage of the state budget through the Knesset. This agreement included the US presentation of a socalled "non-paper" that would spell out the principles and aims of security arrangements between Israel and Syria. Rabin's death placed the US plans on

hold and Peres has diverted the Syrian-Israel talks into other areas, primarily economic cooperation. Indeed, both US and Israeli diplomatic sources say Peres has decided that he wants the Israeli-Syrian peace to be at least as warm as that with Jordan.

"If we would be satisfied with an Egyptian-type peace, we could have already coucleded something with an Israch diplomat says. Syria,

US officials have mixed feelings toward Peres. They acknowledge that Peres has been the driving force behind the agreements with both Jordan and the PLO. His dynamism has moved the international community to support his vision of a new Middle East. On the other hand, the officials say,

Peres is far more complex than Rabin and thus it is more difficult to pin down exactly what his positioo is.

"Rabin will say oo and we know be means it," a US diplomatic source says. "Peres will say yes and we'll find out later that what he actually meant was 'Yes, but...'" Still, Clinton, who admires Peres's

bold ideas on changing this region, has agreed to the prime minister's oew approach. US officials say Christopher has brought what they say is Assad's consent to normalizatioo and comprehensive Arab peace with Israel, and Peres's aides - if not Peres himself - still seem unsatisfied.

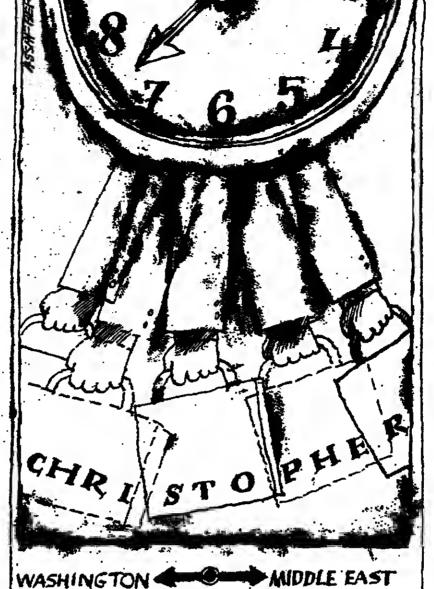
There is this concept of pocketing things, saying it's absolutely essential and then when yoo get it saying it's not so important anymore," a US official

The bottom line is that Israel is looking for Assad to make more and more gestures to convince Israelis that the Golan Heights is worth giving up. US officials say the goal is so ill-defined it is virtually impossible to fulfill.

"Here, I think we're constantly moving the goalposts;" one official says.

Over the past two weeks, Christopher and his aides have argued that Syria has gone a long way toward meeting Israeli demands. They say the Syrian president has cracked down on Hizbullah attacks in south Lebanon at the cost of strained relations with Iran. He has also agreed to give Israel a free hand in forming relations with any country in the Arab world.

Suddenly, the US officials say, Peres's aides, including senior ministers, are playing it cool.



"Now the skeptics say what's the hig deal in having relations with 20 Arab states," the official says. "That's what I

mean by moving goalposts." Some officials are beginning to ques-tion the wisdom of what is perhaps the most spectacular card in the Syrian-Israeli peace negotiations - a summit sponsored by US President Bill Clinton, who would invite Assad and Peres aloog with numerous other Arab leaders to a ceremony to formally end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Assad, the officials say, has agreed to such a meeting after be is assured that

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disagreement over what Assad has actu-ally committed himself to. The argument began in January 1994, after Clinton's meeting with Assad in Geneva. The head of the US State Department's peace team, Dennis Ross, asserted that Assad had agreed to full peace and normaliza-

tion. Rabin and his aides disagreed. Then-IDF chief of military intelligence Maj.-Gen Uri Saguy dissected the transcript of the Assad-Clinton meeting and argued that the Syrian president was merely rehashing old positions and statements. Today, Israeli officials close to Peres

maintain that since then, Assad has hardly budged from his position. They say the Syrian president's so-called consent to normalization is so vague that it can mean anything. They say that the US and Israel agreed

that they would obtain a two-page accord oo principles of a peace agreement with Syria. So far, Assad has agreed to no more than a semence.

"As far as we can see, the only thing he's agreed to is that we can fly our flag in Damascus," a senior aide to Peres says. "That is being presented as oormalization."

Other senior officials go further. They say the rosy US assessment of Assad's positioo is meant to coovince Peres to say clearly what both he and Rabio have been strongly suggesting for the last three and a half years: that Israel will withdraw fully from the Golan Heights. Israeli diplomatic sources say Peres told the Clinton administration that he would decide on such a step after the next Christopher shuttle.

"The pressure is on us to say that we will withdraw to the June 4, 1967, bor-ders," one senior official says. "We're not going to do that. We just can't sell such an agreement to the public."

The reason, officials say, is that this would be seen as capitnlation. It would wreck Israel's demands for water rights of the tributaries to the Kinneret as well as to the lake itself. It would mean renewing the bitter disputes with Syria over the cootrol of the eastern shore of the Kinoeret as well as legitimizing Damascus's capture of territory from Israel.

US officials disagree. They say Israel can agree to fall withdrawal while the US would help ensure that its water occds would be met. Moreover, an announcement of full withdrawal need not be specific, thus leading to a compromise between Israel's unofficial consent to pull back to what it regards as the international border and Syria's demand for an evacuation to the June 4 line.

Aides to Peres say the prime minister has quietly toughened his position over

the past few weeks. They say be is play-ing a game of brinkmanship, giving Assad several more weeks to either change his position or convene Peres's long-awaited Arab summit with Israel. The alternative would he early Israeli elections in May or June that would delay important Israeli decisions on the

peace talks until perhaps next year. Already, the aides say, Peres faces a veritable opposition to an Israeli with-drawal to the June 4, 1967. line. This includes the entire IDF brass. Minister Yossi Beilin and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak.

Barak's agreement to a Syrian deal is vital, the aides say, to convince Israelis that national security has been main-tained. But Barak remains opposed to a full withdrawal.

"He hasn't changed his position one iota since he was chief of staff," an official says.

One senior official says Syrian rejectioo of an Israeli offer for a withdrawal to the international border has pushed Peres to support early national elections. This despite Peres's refrain that his deliberations over early elections have oothing to do with the current talks with Syria.

"If Shimon agreed to move up the elections, it means nothing is happening," the official said.

Soch a prospect would certainly dishearten Christopher. He had planned for intensive oegotiations over the next six mooths that would culminate io an announcement of an agreement by Joly. This would leave enough time for Israel and the US to conduct their elections in the fall.

As Israeli diplomatie sources see it. Christopher plans to retire after the US elections. He has been hoping that he could follow up his success in achieving peace in Bosnia with one that would end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But if Christopher can't achieve this, he will do no more than gramble. US officials say the Clinton administration will smother Israel with affection and aid, but will oot apply pressure.

Indeed, Barak says that Clinton told him during the foreign minister's trip to Washington last week that the substance of the negotiations rather than its timetable is the key to a successful peace effort.

As a result, US officials say they woo't force any of their ideas on either Israel or Syria. Any proposals meant to bridge the gap between the two sides will wait until both Israel and Syria want it.

"Our role is that of a facilitator," Indyk says. "We are oot an imposer. of anything. We will work with Israel, not against it."

Negotiating with Syria – a historical perspective

behind the muted complaiots of Christopher's peace team is a serious

his demands for full withdrawal from the Golan would be met. The questioo is when such a meeting should take place. US officials are concerned that unless it is held oo the eve of

Israeli elections or a referendum oo the Golan, the cuphoria generated by such a summit would sooo dissipate. "By the time the summit is over, there would be those saying it's no longer a big deal," a US official says.

ISRAELI OFFICIALS respood that

yria was the last of Israel's oeighbors to sign an Armistice Agreement with Israel. The July 20, 1949, agreemeot that eoded the War of Independence was a non-aggression pact aimed at "facilitating the transition from the present truce to permaneot peace in Palestine."

This "transition" has takeo over 47 years and permanent peace between Israel and Syria has yet to be achieved. There are lessons to be learned today from the attempt to move toward that aim in 1951-53.

The main difficulty in negotiating the AA was the fate of the areas within the borders allotted to the Jewish state hy the UN that had been occupied by the Syrians dur-ing the war. Under the agreement, the Syrians withdrew their forces from these areas, which were made ioto demilitarized zones.

Israel understood itself to be the sovereign in the DMZs, while Syria saw the status of those areas as yet to be determined.

The UN sided with the Syrian position and beld that the chairman of the UN's Mixed Armistice Commission (MAC) could veto any Israeli activity in the areas. Not surprisiogly, the DMZs proved to be a constant source of conflict betweeo the parties.

Earlier, the Syrians had tried to get Israel to sign a peace treaty based on the cease-fire lines. In May 1949, Col. Husni Zaim, the Syrian dictator, sought to meet prime minister David Ben-Gurion to reach a final settlement based on the waterline border (down the center of Lake Hula, the Kinneret and the Jordan River). He offered to resettle 320,000 Palestinian refugees in Syria. But to the chagrin of the US and the UN, Ben-Gurion would not meet with him unless Syria first committed itself in the armistice negotiations to withdraw to the international border.

Ben-Garion's policy was that Israel must not rush, or permit itself to be rushed, into any peace settlement entailing far-reaching territorial or other concessions which could threaten Israel's security and long-term survival.

IN THE absence of a peace agreement, the AA became the means by which the Syrian Israeli relauonship was managed. In January 1951, tensions between Israel and Syria rose to new heights, when Israel started work on the Lake Hula drainage project. On March 25, 1951, after several

scrittes incidents, the UN suggested a meeting at the deputy clust of staff, level. The sext day, Israeii deputy chief of staff Maj.-Gen. Mondechai Makleff and I met in dechai Makleff and I met in Syna with Synan Col. Adib a and Synam cheet delegate TO THE MAC. LL Col. Has an ledid.

Israeli-Syrian talks in the 1950s broke down when both sides felt they were giving up too much, Shaul Ramati writes

Shishakli demanded immediate stoppage of all work connected to the Hula drainage project. If we agreed, he would appoint an authorized person to discuss with us the climinatioo of the DMZs by . partition.

Shishakli's main interest was US support. He was oot ready to move beyond the armistice agreement, but sought territorial gains, particularly a foothold oo the waterline. The French, the US and Gen. William Riley, chief of the UNTSO, supported the Syrian aim, considering the waterline to be Israel's natural border with Syria. Today, Syrian President

ocgotiable. for secret talks oo a single border and ecocomie relations. When Shishakli officially became dietator oo November 29, 1951, we suggested he should meet with chief of staff Yigael Yadin to discuss matters outside the competence of the MAC. He asked for

some delay due to intra-Arab pol-itics. However, hy January 1952, it was clear the meeting would not take place, as he felt it could oot be kept secret and would embarrass his with the other Arab states. Israel dropped its proposal for a high-level meeting and on July 6. 1952, Ben-Gurion appointed the delegation to the secret talks -

ioclodiog Gen. Moshe Dayan

Maj. Arieh Friedlander, Yosef

Tekoah, deputy legal adviser of

the Foreign Ministry, and myself.

We were invested with full powers

Shaul Ramati (left) and Syrian chief negotiator Hassan Jedid meet on a bridge to discuss their countries' differences.

Hafez Assad demands an Israeli withdrawal to the lines of June 4, 1967, which would give Syria a share of Lake Kinneret and fishing rights.

to conclude and sign on behalf of On June 11, 1951, duriog a recess in a MAC meeting, Col. Israel any agreement that would improve relations with Syria. We Jedid told me hluntly that Syria informed the Syrians and a couple would not agree to allow Israel to of weeks later they gave us the continue work on the Hula names of the Syrian delegates. Headed hy Jedid, they included a drainage project, unless Israel agreed that Syria advance to the senior Foreign Ministry official. waterline. I replied we were not ready for talks limited to the DMZs The secret meeting finally took and the border. They would have to place on October 9, 1952, in Rosh deal with all outstanding problems. Pina. The Syrians only had cre-We would discuss water rights dentials as MAC members and only as part of a general discussion were limited to discussing matters

of economic relations. Dayan expressed our willingness Secretary of State Dean to discuss anything the Syrians Acheson warned Israel not "to cast aside lightly" the Syrian prowished but only in the framework of a political agreement which posal for direct negotiations. As a would signify progress toward result, Israel proposed an agenda

ed. The parties clarified their positions oo the location of the demarcatioo line, territorial compensation, water and fishing rights. They also stipulated what was The next secret meeting was oo January 15, 1953. Eight more fol-

lowed, the last being on May 27, 1953. There were no official protocols and oo agenda. This made it easier to reach informal agreements, but it meant positions changed from meeting to meeting. Only after the eighth meeting, on April 13, 1953, were some of the conditional understandings put

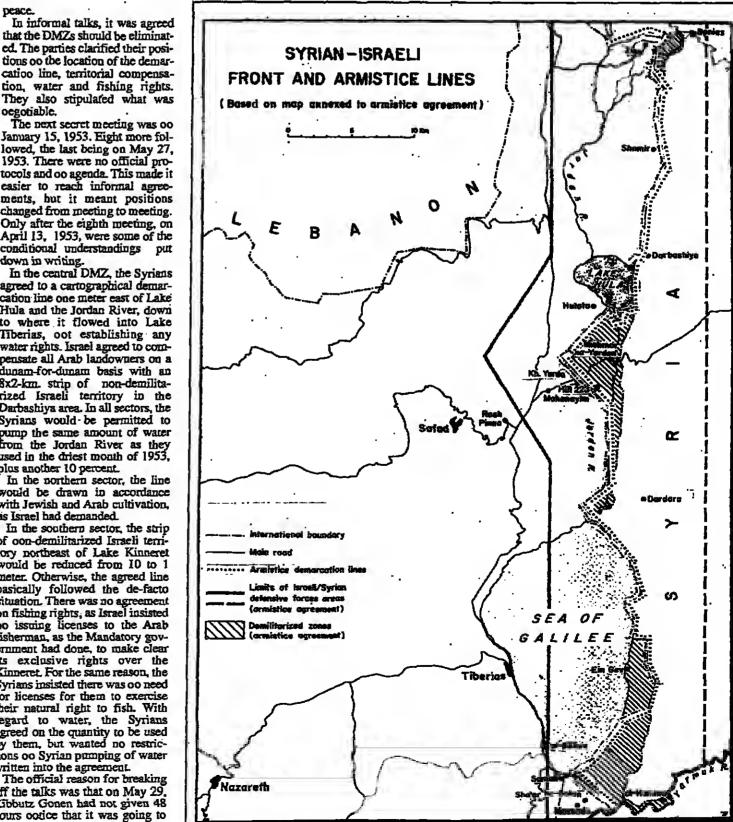
down in writing. In the central DMZ, the Syrians agreed to a cartographical demarcation line one meter east of Lake Hula and the Jordan River, down to where it flowed into Lake Tiberias, oot establishing any water rights. Israel agreed to compensate all Arab landowners on a dunam-for-dunam basis with an 8x2-km. strip of non-demilitarized Israeli territory in the Darbashiya area. In all sectors, the Syrians would be permitted to pump the same amount of water from the Jordan River as they used in the driest month of 1953, plus another 10 percent.

In the northern sector, the line would be drawn in accordance with Jewish and Arab cultivation, as Israel had demanded.

In the southern sector, the strip of oon-demilitarized Israeli territory northeast of Lake Kinneret would be reduced from 10 to 1 meter. Otherwise, the agreed line basically followed the de-facto situation. There was no agreement on fishing rights, as Israel insisted oo issuing licenses to the Arab fisherman, as the Mandatory government had done, to make clear its exclusive rights over the Kinneret. For the same reason, the Syrians insisted there was oo need for licenses for them to exercise their natural right to fish. With regard to water, the Syrians agreed on the quantity to be used by them, but wanted no restrictions oo Syrian pumping of water written into the agreement.

The official reason for breaking off the talks was that on May 29. Kibbutz Gonen had not given 48 hours ootice that it was going to burn weeds near the border, as had been informally agreed on four days earlier. As a result, 10 acres of wheat burned down oo the Syrian side.

The Syrians said there would be deriving directly from the AA. oo meetings until compensatioo was paid. Israel did nothing about this until Gen. V. Bennike, the successor to Riley, raised the matter of compensation oo September 9, 1953. He received a positive



reply oo the same day and compensatioo was paid in November. into 1954, Israel suggested from time to time that the secret talks should be resumed. The Syrians, however, refused.

But the real reason why the secret talks were discontinued was that both sides felt that because of the

dynamic of negotiations, they had given away too much for too little. Minor territorial gains were ourweighed for the Syrians by potential damage to their selfimage as leader of uncompromising pan-Arabism. Israel realized it was weakening its claim to the international border by yielding to

Syria lands to the west of it, and endangering its water rights and sources, without any political advance from the armistice agreement toward peace.

Shaul Ramati is a former IDF spokesman and Israeli ambassador.



FEATURES

Freshmen and foreign aid: an iffy mix

ast summer, the US House of Representatives was preparing to vote on a hill which would tighten the economic embargo against Cuba and allow Americans to sue to regain their confiscated property there. It seemed a natural for nuracting the conservative members' support.

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However, the bill had to be modified for one reason: it called for US monetary assistance for the eventual transition to democratic rale.

The hill's opponents were freshmen Republican representatives who "wanted to be sure it wasn't a mandate to spend any more money on a new foreign aid program," according to an international relations committee

staffer. "I think it's a terrific illustra-tion of the skepticism that exists among freshmen and the American people. The whole concept of foreign aid is in had odor," he said.

Nevertheless, the House's 1995 foreign aid hills passed - with strong support from the freshmen. And as Congress reconvened last week, Israel's aid package was maintained with continued support from the Class of '94.

Therein lies the irony. This much-heralded group of 73 Republicans rode into office following the November 1994 elections touting hudgetary reform and fiscal responsibility to solve America's domestic ills. They wholeheartedly supported House Speaker Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America" that called for 10 legislative initiatives aimed at paring and ulti-mately halancing the federal hud-

Foreign aid was certainly not considered an issue the freshmen would support almost unanimously.

Yet about 90 percent of all freshmen - 13 rookie Democrats also were elected in 1994 approved the foreign aid autho-rization bill in June and about 85 percent supported the appropriations bill in July.

Those numbers still leave pro-Israel observers uneasy about the stability of both foreign aid generally and Israel's current \$3 billion annual military and economic aid package.

A basic first reaction was a sighof relief that, despite their hudget-cutting fervor, the freshmen did not touch aid to the Middle

Israel's share of America's aid package appears safe - for now. **Hillel Kuttler** reports from Washington

whopping \$1.5 billion below the previous year's allocation. While Israeli officials and

Forbes: No one wants to cut

aid to Israel, Jordan, Egypt.

federal hudget and to institute campaign finance and other reforms, while recognizing America's global responsibilities. But "while we're reducing the deficit, we also realize the role LINE CONTRACTOR

that foreign aid can play in pro-moting US interests," he said. In 70 town forums which Weller has conducted in his district, constituents are "much more receptive to foreign aid when they realize it's a tiny por-

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tion of our budget." In their nearly single-minded focus on deficit reduction, freshmen have not often made their voices heard on foreign policy dehates.

Officials of the American Israel

Public Affairs Committee say their grass-roots members con-ducted over 1,000 meetings last

year with representatives and senators, and that "with this

many new members you obviously have to focus on them."

AIPAC sponsored a trip to Israel last August for 11 freshmen

and has another one planned. Jerry Weller, a freshman from

the Chicago area who participat-ed in the trip, said that the fresh-

man class has "demonstrated an

ability to hold firm" on its com-

mitment to push for a balanced

They did nearly prevent President Clinton's \$20 hillion bailout of Mexico last year and strongly opposed his effort to deploy US peacekeeping troops to Bosnia.

A House staffer said that the domestic agenda aside, the eliminatioo of the Europe-Middle East subcommittee helps account for why almost no freshmen have affected Middle East policy yet. Forbes is one of the few newcomers who has tried. Late last year he led the charge to severely tighten the conditions for contin-

ued US-PLO relations. Forbes's measure failed. He says he is surprised he did not receive greater support for holding the PLO to its obligations under the Oslo accord.

In Congress's hudget-cutting mode, there is likely to be "a coostant examination of foreign aid" programs, Forbes said, but with the US having a strong stake in a stable Middle East, neither freshmen nor Republicans as a bloc

would slash aid to Israel. "I think there are two issues bere: overall foreign aid .. yes, ... think most Americans will Say we need to continue to reexamine

port now for not jeopardizing security in the Middle East by

foreign aid," Forbes said. But I think there is great sup-



last link with heritage



GREER FAY CASHMAN

Comhere are people to whom this publication is the only connection to the community."

declares Mindele Zweig, as she holds up the latest edition of Ha-Kehila, a 64-page magazine which she has been editing for the past 11 years.

One of over 150 journalists from 30 countries who gathered this week in Jerusalem for the Sixth International Conference of. Jewish Media, Zweig, 57, a thirdgeneration Finn, belongs to one of the smaller Jewish communi-

Altogether, there are 1,100

Jews in Finland, she says, 900 of

Before Zweig took over, Ha-Kehila, which comes out six

times a year, was more in the

nature of a brochure. Operating

as a one-woman team, Zweig

turned the "brochure", into a real

She fills it with local and Israeli

news, reviews of new Jewish lit-

erature and features written most-

ly by some of the estimated 200

former Finns now living here.

She herself was one for 10 years,

working out of Tel Aviv as a free-

lancer for various Finnish publi-

When she returned to Helsinki

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Andrea, who also serves as can-

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The Jerusalem Post

Representatives of the Sixth International Conference of Jewish Media included Mindele Zweig (upper left), editor of Helsinki's 'Ha-Kebila,' and New Yorker Yehuda Lev (lower left), whose stint at 'Stars and Stripes' turned him into a 'practical Zionist.' (Sammy Avnisan)

world. The print run is 800 copies which are sent free of charge to every household in the community. Non-Jewish subscribers who

grant, made available to all religious publications, and the community funds the remaining 60 percent.

cemetery is also close by. Assimilation is rife, says Zweig, and there are mixed marriages in over 95 percent of the families. When Zweig herself The publication's annual hud-get is 90,000 Finnish, marks, riages involving Jews converted, (about NIS 60,000). Forty peral. Today, the tendency is inter-

"Today, the tendency, is just to, make the children Jewish." YEHUDA LEV, 69, is one of the

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American jargon intolerable. Nonetheless, the show was popular, and when Lev's first child Daniel, now a professor of nuclear physics at Washington University, was born at Hadassah Hospital 37 years ago. Lev flip-pantly invited listeners to his proram to the brit and many o them came." He had so much autonomy that he could do almost anything he wanted. But he saw that there was no future for him in Israel Radio, so he again crossed the Atlantic in 1965, this time on a grant to Stanford University. In 1967, he went to Los Angeles, and while working for the community, started his own newsletter, A majority of One. which he put out on a hattered manual typewriter on which he pounded a two-fingered tattoo. He managed to attain 800 subscribers. From 1985 to 1983, he served as associate editor of the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles. The manual typewriter had been replaced by an electric one which in turn had been replaced by a keyboard for a computer terminal. His youngest daughter taught him to master the computer, "but I still type with two fingers." Since reaching retirement age, Lev has been a regular contributor to The Jewish Voice of Rhode Island. a monthly publication, with a 2,700 circulation. The paper is putting out a special Jerusalem 3000 edition which will be almost entirely written hy Lev, who is running around inter-viewing people from Rhode Island who are permaoently or temporarily situated in Israel. When all is said and done in Jewish journalism, the stories that receive the greatest attention are the home-town stories in which readers can easily identify with the subjects. That doesn't mean that developments on the peace front, the Israeli election campaign, incidents of terrorism or articles about tourism are relegated to the back of the book: but they do. compete with the people from home who are doing something in the Holy Land. Both Lev and Zweig have witnessed changes in the media, which has ceased to become a rubber stamp for Israeli policy and allows itself to be critical. So what is the most important story today?

East. Indeed, says fresh nan Nev York Republican Michael Forbes, a member of the House appropriations subcommittee that allocates foreign aid, "I have not heard one member of the freshman class make as their cause a cut to Israel and Egypt and Jordan."

But a more careful reading has left pro-Israel lobbyists concerned about the future.

They say the authorization hill's narrow 222-192 passage is merely indicative of a split along party lines, with just 11 of all the House's Democrats voting for it. (Most of the aid has not yet been transmitted to Israel due to unrelated partisan wrangling over abortion funding, though embassy officials think the matter will be concluded soon.)

That 72 of the 73 Republican freshmen supported the hill is not a testament to their favoring foreign aid or even aid to Israel, the pro-Israel forces say, but to a commitment to slash foreign aid since the \$12.1 hillion hill was a process as staving off cuts to Middle East recipients this year, overall foreign aid will likely be sliced still more.

House sources see the peace

Weller: We realize the impor-

tance of foreign aid.

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pro-Israel.

going in there and throwing out "On the one hand, we got them the baby with the bathwater. I to support it; on the other hand would oppose reducing foreign they could justify it by saying, 'We cut,'" an Israel supporter aid to Israel at this juncture. The timing would be wrong, the messaid of the 1996 foreign aid bills. "By and large, most of them

sage would be bad." Educating members about the [freshmen] are 'pro-Israel.' But I don't sense the overwhelming importance of sustaining the UShistorical support some others Israel relationship, and aid to Israel specifically, is "very helphave Having said that, I don't ful" so that newcomers and veterwant to minimize the fact that ans alike "know this isn't just many of them consider themsome other foreign affairs issue," selves pro-Israel, and strongly Forbes added, echoing Gilman's call.

REPRESENTATIVE Benjamin Four-term congressman Bill Gilman, a New York Republican Paxoo of Buffalo, NY, who chairs who chairs the House internathe informal House Republican tional relations committee, has Israel Caucus and who accompasaid that the new demography on nied the Republican freshmen to Capitol Hill - half of Congress's Israel in August, said the House's 535 seats turned over in just the newest members would most last five years - dramatically likely continoe to support foreign aid to Israel out of a sense of its illustrates the importance of educating members on the imporstrategic valoe and religious contance of supporting the foreign aid program and the US-Israel nection.

Coincidentally, this was just when Ha-Kehila lost its previous P editor, and the vacant position was tailor-made for Zweig, who also continues to freelance axon said that freshmen and beyond the Jewish community.

sophomores are knowledgeable

"If we had more money," sighs Zweig, "we would come out more frequently." A four-member editorial board, including Zweig. decides on direction, but Zweig herself determines actual content. "I've been criticized for putting too much Israel ioto it," she admits, adding that the ideal balance from her point of view would be a 25-percent Israel orientation. The bulk of the Israel content comes via the World Zionist Organization news and features department.

The current issue devotes much space to Rabbi Michael Alony, an Orthodox rabhi, who six months ago came from Duhlin to stir up the Jewish community.

Prior to his arrival the Jews of Finland had been without a spiritual leader for eight years. Although Finnish Jews are very

much assimilated, the community center complex which contains Ha-Kehila's office also houses the synagogue, a ritual bath, a Jewish kindergarten, a Jewish primary school with 19 children, a Jewish hospital and retirement home, a Jewish library and a kosher deli. The complex is in the heart of Helsinki and the Jewish

longtime veterans of Jewish journalism, for which he first got a taste at the end of the Second World War when he was sent as an 18-year-old soldier to Europe: Large numbers of troops were being shipped home and jobs in the army were going hegging. The young native New Yorker, who as a kid had appeared on radio, was looking for something to do in communications. There were vacancies in both Stars and Stripes, the publication of the US Armed Forces and in AFN, the armed forces radio network.

Lev, whose name was then John Low, grabbed them both. Heprovided occasional back-up for the Stars and Stripes writer covering the Nuremberg Trials, not realizing at the time that he would one day cover an equally dramatic war-crimes trial in Jerusalem. "I think I'm one of the. few people who covered both the Nuremberg and the Eichmann trials," he says.

In gathering stories for Stars, and Stripes, Lev became particularly interested in writing about Jewish displaced persons. He was encouraged in this regard hy Rabbi Joseph Miller who was a chaplain in Frankfurt, and now lives in Netanya.

He turned me into a practical Zionist," reminisces Lev, who after his discharge from the army signed up with the Hagana, and came here illegally in March 1948.

After a two-year stint in the Negev as a soldier and a kibhutznik, he found himself in Jerusalem in 1950 as a member of the English section of Kol Zion Lagola which was beaded by Geoffrey Wigoder.

Lev could never quite get the hang of Hebrew, and figured that if he wanted to get a university degree, he would have to go back to America. He spent four years studying political science at the University of Chicago and supported himself hy working as an information officer at the Israel Consulate

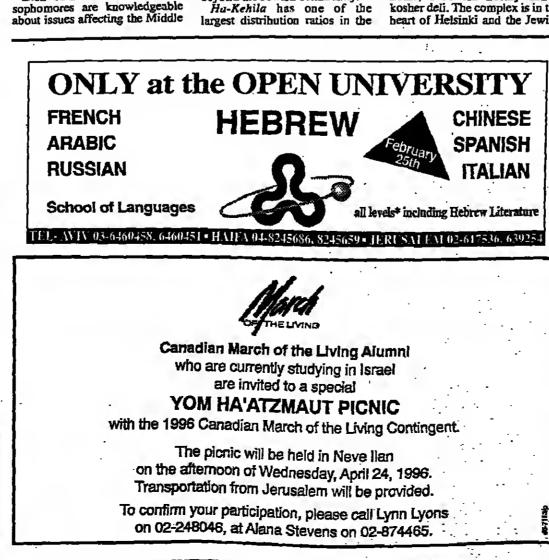
From 1955 to 1967, he worked as a stringer for several radio networks, including Israel Radio. Returning to Jerusalem in 1956, he looked up his old huddies and was promptly recruited to help set up a radio program for Canadian soldiers stationed in Gaza.

broadcast time each day, presenting news, commercials and spontaneous patter. "The janitor walked in one day and didn't know he was in a live studio. We just shmoozed on air," recalls Lev, laughing beartily at the

The headline, both for Finland and Rhode Island, is not much different than it was 50 years ago - Jewish continuity.

Sometimes the headline is dramatized with assimilation statistics; sometimes it refers to sheer pbysical survival.

But the message that comes across loud and clear is that for those people who don't take advantage of Jewish education and who are disinclined to lead a religious lifestyle, the Jewish media is possibly the last link with lewish heritage;

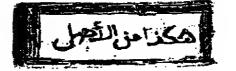


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COLUMNS

Mythology is history in AP's chronology

EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

F history is, as one wag put it, "mythology told hy the winers," then the winners of the Arah-Israeli conflict are the Palestinians. It is their version of history which is accepted as gospel truth, in everything from textbooks and encyclopedias to the chronologies of the Arab-Israeli conflict released by wire services. The most recent such listing was published by AP on the occasion of the Palestinian elections on January 20. Named "Palestinian events," it begins the chronology on Mny 15, 1948, the date on which: "State of Israel proclaimed. First Arab-Israeli war starts: Some 700,000 Palestinians flee or are driven from former British-mandate Palestine. Israel seizes about half the land intended for a new Arah state, Jordan and Egypt seize the rest. Jerusalem divided between Israel and Jordan."

Not a word indicating that the UN General Assembly recommendation which delineated "the land intended for a new Arab state' was rejected out of hand by all Arabs, or that the Arab-Israeli war did not just "start" - it was a combination of Arab terrorist attacks against Jews inside the mandate area and an invasion hy six Arab armies with the express purpose of anni-

hilating the nascent Jewish state. The number 700,000 usually cited for the Arab refugees (not 'Palestinian refogees' - the only people known as "Palestinians" at the time were the Jews of this country), is a bit of fictioo which even Israelis now mindlessly par-

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rot. There simply could not have been 700,000 refugees from the areas under Israeli control because there never were more than 550,000 Arabs in them, and 150,000 stayed put within Israel's boundaries. This means that the trae number of refugees was at most 400,000. The higher figure originated in an UN Relief and Works Agency report on the number registered in its camps, many of whom entered the camps ause they offered free food and bousing. Under different circumstances,

AP's ability to include so many myths in one paragraph would have, been amusing. But the fact is that this mythology has become accepted history, which avers that Israel was the aggressor in 1948, and that it seized part of a "Palestinian" state in a war, of aggression which displaced 700,000.

This impression is reinforced in the paragraph describing the Six Day War. Again, there is no mention of what triggered the war, just that "Israel captures the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, the Sinai and the Golan, causing another 300,000 Palestinians to flee." The next item is about the Camp

David agreement on autonomy for the Palestinians, followed by the eruption of the intifada in 1987 in which "more than 1,100 Palestinians and 150 Israelis are killed." The death of over 1,000 additional Palestinians by Palestinians is ignored. In fact,

throughont the chronology there is no mention of Palestinian terrorism, against either Jews or Arabs, before the Oslo agreement or after. The next items are particularly puzzling. On November 15, 1988 Arafat "declared an independent Palestinian state, roughly encompassing West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem." This is a misleading fabrication. Arafat never defined the borders of the Palestinian State. He could have never had the Palestine National Council pass the declaration if he had.

On December 12, 1988, the chronology continues, "Arafat accepts Israel's right to exist and renonnces terrorism, leading to US dialogue with the PLO, severed in 1989." Neither in 1988 nor since then has Arafat ever recognized Israel's right to exist. He claims that by accepting UN resolutions 242 and 338 - which, without mentioning Israel, call for all the nations in the region to live within secure borders - he in effect rec-ognized Israel. But admitting the fact of Israel's existence is not the same as recognizing its right to exist

Even more puzzling is the statement that Arafat "renounced terrorism." Since there is never a mention of a single act of terrorism in the whole chronology of Palestinian history, one can only wonder why Arafat felt the need to renounce it. Nor does AP mention

why the US dialogue with the PLO was severed in 1989. It might have been embarrassing to recall that after renouncing terrorism, the PLO launched an attack on Israel's beaches, which was stopped before the terrorists managed to execute the second part of their plan: an assault on the US Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Compared to these whoppers, the semantic slants and silly errors which follow seem relatively harmless. On June 23, 1992, Yitzhak Rabin ends "15 years of right-wing government." For six of those 15 years the government was a national unity government in which Labor was an equal partner. But even for the nine years of Likud dominance the use of "right-wing" sounds hiased - not because the Likud is not right wing, hut because no news agency ever refers to the Labor-Meretz government as "left wing."

Just as inaccurate is the statement that on July 1, 1994, "Arafat returns to his bomeland after a 25-year exile." This may be a fitting PLO propaganda line, but Arafat was neither born in Palestine nor ever lived there. He was born in Cairo, and while he may bave visited the territories. be never spent any time in them. (The "25-year exile" is particularly strange. Was he supposed to have lived under Israeli "occupation" until 1969?)

The last item refers to the January 20 election day, on which the Palestinians elect a "president and 88-seat legislative council." In calling the council a legislature, the AP may be ultimately correct, but the Israel-PLO agreement carefully avoids calling it that.

Of the 16 items in the chronology, only seven are error-free. But it is most unlikely that AP will correct the mistakes. Major media organizations simply refuse to admit error, particularly when the mistake is detrimental to Israel.

IN A letter to complaining reader Lillian Freudmann, New York Times executive editor Joseph Lelyveld writes, "We sometimes make mistakes, and when they re pointed out to us, correct them promptly." But in fact no paper is more reluctant to correct even the most glaring factual errors on Israel than the Times. It has yet to correct the statement by its Jerusalem correspondent, Serge Schmemann, for example, that Gaza absorbed 250,000 Palestinian refugees from

London media watcher Ruth worse yet. Even when its anchor Willers immediately wrote the paper, demanding a correction: murdered on July 20, 1951, on the steps to the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem by Shukri Ashu, an this to say: "And we have a corassassin hired by Dr. Musa al

some time ago about Palestinian al-Husseini and Faisal Husseini]. Ashu was a Palestinian Arab and prisoners, our reporter said that his house [video of buildozers was himself shot dead by the knocking down Mohammed king's bodyguards. "At a time that is charged with Wahidi's home] was destroyed by the Israelis as a a matter of govemotions as the present, such a emment policy. In this case, it was display of ignorance hy your correspondent not only serves to heighten existing tensions but also to adversely affect the credibility destroyed during what the Israeli authorities said was a raid on suspected terrorists. There were no terrorists in the house, and the of your paper. Israeli government paid to rebuild

rection to make tonight. In a story

it. And we regret the error."

lar circumstances in this very city

publicly on this occasion. That

would not have been diplomatic.

But Israelis know that in 1953,

"He did not offer the details

when he was a child.

Saturday.

It took the Daily Mail a month to respond:

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You are of course absolutely right. Our reporter got his facts wrong and you were among a number of diligent readers who took the trouble to contact us Please rest assured that we are extremely grateful to you for doing this. We need our readers to keep us up to the mark and our cuttings files have been amended and the author suitably chastised for his shortcomings and failure to double check his facts....

"I like to think that we are also prepared to admit our mistakes and this piece article [sic] certainly carried two howlers.

I do hope that you have not lost all faith in our ability to admit the error of our ways and that you will accept my apology for our had manners on this occasion.

"Lawrence Sear "Managing Editor"

The only trouble, of course, is that this profuse mea culpa was "King Abdullah of Jordan was confined to a personal letter. The paper never published a correction of this inexcusable distortion of bistory.

Of celebrating the king and escorting the queen

The value of culture is its effect on character. It avails nothing unless it ennobles and strengthens that. Its use is for life, Its aim is not beauty but goodness.

(W. Somerset Maugham) The Summing Up HEY ARE calling it "King David's Banquet'

They describe it as "the onetime royal feast, to be prepared in Jerusalem by the world's greatest chefs," and predict that it will be the royal gastronomic bapp

A VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

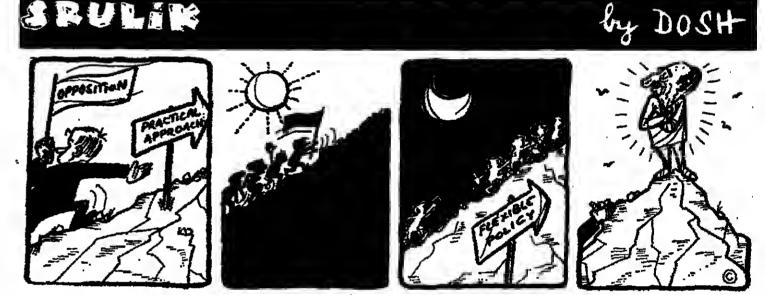
the 16th-century Safed kabbalist Rabbi Shlomo Alkabetz. The refrain is "Let us, my love, go and greet the Bride; let us welcome Shabbat." The last stanza ends with, "Come, O Bride; Come, O Bride.'

Those who follow the liturgy arranged by Rabbi Yitzhak Luria, Alkabetz's cootemporary and founder of the school of Kabbala bearing his name, say "Come, O Bride" a third time and add the words, "Queen Sbabbat." The early Safed Lurianists would also go out of the synagogue and chant this facing the setting sun. And just as Queen Shabbat is given a royal welcome Friday evening, so should she be given a royal sendoff Saturday night. So writes the 16th-century halachic authority Rabbi Shmuel ben David Halevi, better known as "The Taz," the acronym of Turei Zahav, his commentary on the Shulhan Aruch code of Jewish law. The author of the Shulhan. Rabbi Yosef Caro, a contemporary and fellow townsman of Rabbis Alkabetz and Luria, lists the eating of a festive meal on Saturday night as an injunction ("Orah Hayim," Section 300). The Taz adds that this repast should be accompanied by the chanting of hymns, "to escort the Shabbat out just as royalty is escorted on arrival and departure." The idea of a "fourth Shabbat meal" originates in the Talmud. Rabbi Hanina tells us to eat a festive repast after Shabbat is out, even if it consists of no more than a kezayit, an olive-sized bite (Shabbat 117b and 119b). Kabbalists and Hassidim often conduct the Melaveh Malka well into the night; believing that the punishment of the dead sinners in Hell halts for Shabhat and is resumed only after the feast, with its singing and sacred discourse, is over. The Melaveh Malka came to be Se'udat David called Hamelech/King David's Banquet. This is based on a legend that God told David he would die on Shabbat (Shabbat 30a). So at the end of every Shabbat that he sur-

vived, David made himself a party.

Some favorite Melaveh Malka hymns are "Eliyahu Hanavi," in honor of Prophet Elijah who is to berald "Messiah son of David," and "Amar Hashem I'Yaacov," "God told [Patriarch] Jacob: Do not fear, Jacob My servant."

Another popular song, which is also chanted at other festive occasions the year round, is "David -melech Yisrael hai vekayam." Some scholars say that this chant, declaring that "David king of



THE LONDON Daily Mail recently joined the pack. Describing the Rabin funeral, this is what its Jerusalem correspondent, Geoffrey Levy, wrote: "...Rabin's granddaughter looked up at the former enemy king's face in time to see its bloodshot irony as he recalled that he too had lost a grandfather in simi-

Kuwait. ABC World News Tonight is Peter Jennings is forced to make a correction, he gives it an anti-Israel slant. On January 22, Jennings, having been caught faking film footage on October 4, had

King Hussein's grandfather was shot dead as a mosque by a Jewish extremist just as Rahin was shot dead by one in Tel Aviv on

of the century." It is to consist of "12 kosher del-

icacy courses that will go down in culinary bistory.

The feast is to be served in the Teddy Hall of the National Convention Ceotre (Binyeoei Ha'uma') on Monday evening, March 18 - a date signifying nothing special I'm aware of on the Gregorian or Jewisb calendar.

You can be one of the 500 participants io this "royal" fress by reserving a place on payment of \$600 or NIS 1,800 (installments possible) to a certain commercial purveyor of "culture."

All this by way of celebrating "Jerusalem 3000."

The feast hears David's name because it was he who about 3,000 years ago established Jerusalem as capital of the United Kingdom of Israel after reigning for seven years in Hebron over the tribe of Judah (II Samuel 5). He moved the throne to Jerusalem after capturing the city from the Jebusites and winning the allegiance of the rest of the tribes. who had been loyal to Saul.

THE TRADITIONAL "King David's Banquet" is a much more modest affair.

l refer to the Melaveh Malka/Queen's Escort, the festive meal eaten after Shabbat is out and the Havdala/Distinguishing rite has been performed.

In the liturgy, but also in early Zionist "secular" poetry, Shabbat is crowned as "Queen/Bride Shahbat." and the Friday evening synagogue service is called the Kahhalat Shabbat/Welcoming Shahbat service.

A high point of this service is the "Lecha dodi" hymn, composed by Israel is alive and well," was a password during the Bar-Kochba Revolt while it was succeeding. I doubt that the spiritual atmosphere at that \$600-a-plate "King David's Banquet" to be laid by that culture impresario will even remotely resemble that of the traditional Saturday night one. And I hope that King David's name will not have been pinned on something whose spirit more closely resembles that of Saturday Night Live.

ALSO UNDER the "Jerusalem 3000" rubric, a four-day conference is to begin at the Hebrew University Sunday on "A Hundred Years of Culture in Eretz Yisrael." I asked a university spokesperson what century-old event in Eretz Yisrael culture this conference is to celebrate. All he could say was that 1896 was one year before the First Zionist Congress. The university's announcement opens hy saying the idea of the conference was born of "the recognition [that] one of the hrightest achievements of the century of renewed Jewish settlement in Eretz Yisrael is the creation of a Hebrew secular culture ... "

Perhaps the organizers could still find room in the program for a talk by poet/publicist Dalia Ravikovitch, an avowed secularist, in which she could elaborate on her thesis that "there is no secnlar culture in this country' (Shishi, December 22, 1995).

MATTHEW ARNOLD, the 19thcentury poet/essayist, defined culture as "the acquainting ourselves with the best that has been known and said in the world, and thus with the history of the human spirit" (Literature and Dogma).

Tu Bishvat: An act of hope

"And God said to Moses, Why are you crying out to me? Speak to the Israelites and let them start moving," (Exodus 14:15)

CCORDING to the Jewish calendar, spring is first welcomed this coming Monday, Tu Bisbvat (the 15th day of Shvat) by planting new trees. But isn't it strange to effectively call February 5 - and some years it's even earlier - spring? After all, rain and sometimes even snow are still falling. For a basic answer, we don't have to look further than the Talmud itself. Yes, our Sages agree, it may be that the 15th of Shvat is still winter in most senses. However, by that date, the majority of the winter rains are over. (B.T. Rosh Hashana 14a)

The Sages seem to be teaching a poignant message of faith and optimism. Once the worst of the winter has passed, we can begin to look forward to - and in a sense even experience the hlessed approach of spring. Hence they have established the first day of spring in a period of the year which has aspects of both seasons winter in terms of the dark cold present, spring in terms of the bright warm future.

This is probably the reason that in hihlical symbolism spring represents redemption. The Song of Songs evokes the nascent buds and cooing turtle doves as a foreshadowing of the Messianic Age. Hence, planting trees while winter is still with us means that even if we have not yet reached final Redemption, as long as most of history's "winter rains" are over. we're ready to take a leap of faith. Personally as well as nationally, redemption requires faith that the sun will shine.

LEST THIS last parallel be thought of as stretching a point, remember that Tu Bishvat always falls near the Torah portion of Beshalah, which opens with the Exodus in process: "And it came to pass when Pharaoh let the people go." (Ex. 13:17)

SHLOMO RISKIN The parallel goes even deeper. Just before the final plague, when the Israelites are still enslaved, Moses commands them - in God's name - to celebrate the first seder. The Israelites are asked to be thankful for redemption even before it has arrived. This is why the Zohar calls matza "bread of faith."

SHABBAT SHALOM

But faith is only the beginning. The central event in Beshalah is the splitting of the Red Sea, the vivid reminder that even if you make your Pessah preparations, and God performs miracles to get you out, it still doesn't mean you've been redeemed. Your enemy may yet change his mind.

To the Israelites all seems lost; they believe their only recourse is prayer and collectively cry out to God. The Divine response to Moses is instructive for all generations: "Why are you crying out to me? Speak to the Israelites and let them start moving! Raise your staff, and stretch your hand over the sea." (Ex. 14:15-16)

If a raised staff will split the sea, why tell the Israelites to start moving? Apparently, although God is fully capable of working miracles. He is waiting for us to take the first step. The Israelites themselves must hegin to take responsibility - and action - for their own redemption.

This profound idea - that action must be a precursor to prayer - was further delineated by the 13th-century sage, Nahmanides (Ramban): When you go to war against an enemy who attacks you in your land, you shall hlow a tremhling, staccato sound with your trumpet, and you will then be remembered before the Lord your God and you will be delivered from your enemies." (Numbers 10:9)

NAHMANIDES understands the teru'a sound of the numpet as a prayerful cry for help. On this basis, he says we are biblically mandated

to pray only in times of danger. Rabbinically, of course, we are commanded to pray three times a day, possibly because every individual is in constant danger from the forces surrounding him.

However, it is important to note that this very Nahmanidean prayer emerges against the backdrop of a war in which you must first fight for your life. Of course, prayer is significant, but it cannot be detached from human action.

My revered teacher and mentor, Rabhi Joseph Soloveitchik, adds another dimension to this concept.

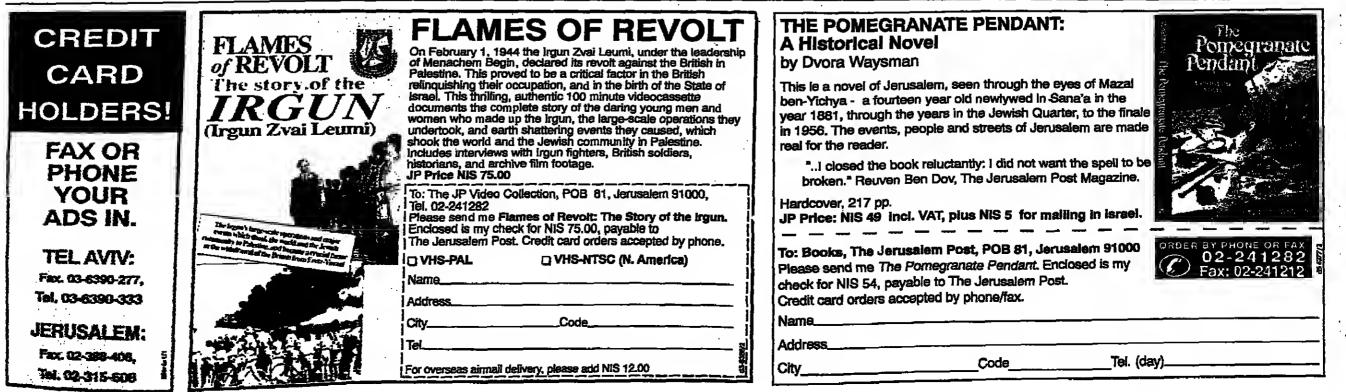
The Sages of the Talmud, in the beginning of Tractate Berachot, ordain that the hlessing thanking God as the Redeemer of Israel must be immediately joined to the Amida (Silent Prayer); we must link our redemption to the Amida prayer. This is usually interpreted to mean that our redemption is precipitated hy our prayer.

Not so, insists Soloveitchik, turning the Talmudic adage on its head. After all, he argues, prophecy and prayer are two sides of the same coin, each expressing an intimate dialogue between the individual and the Divine. The difference is that in prophecy God initiates the encounter, whereas in prayer we make the first approach. Hence linking redemption to prayer may mean that in the former as well as in the latter, it is up to humans to take the first

From this perspective, planning a seedling on Tu Bishvat must be seen as something far more profound than a back-to-nature ritual. It's the necessary concomitant to faith in spring even while winter rains are falling, faith in redemption while oppression continues, faith in human action as the first step toward nltimate triumph. Perhaps the quintessential symbol of Judaism

is a group of Jews buffeted hy wind and rain, planting trees of hope in their beloved, eternal homeland.

Shabbat Shalom



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A took react session and found cal stress of the greater than that of basketball or football players. One reason given was the lack of a physical release during the bridge game. Yelling at your partner may, indeed, be poor euquette, but the steam you let off might be physically to your benefitl

Today's deal comes from a pair championship at the Beit America Club in Tel Aviv. The declarer and the defenders began a unique battle with the first trick, ending in a hair-raising finale.

The first move in a physical sport is rarely vital. Usually the drama of a game builds up until the final moments, when the tension reaches its highest. At bridge, trick one is often crucial. West led the ace of diamonds against South's four-heart contract. After dummy followed low, both East and South had to make important plays.

It was East's job to signal his partner. Most players would sigoal with the deuce, showing no interest in further diamond plays. but this East-West were using the New-Age "Obvious-Shift" carding methods.

The signal of the deuce would not only discourage a diamond continuation, hut encourage a switch to the obvious switch suit, dummy's weaker side suit. In this case, spades was the obvious switch and East was not sure he wanted a spade switch from part-

If West held the king of spades, a spade switch would be fine, but if West held the ace, a switch to

On the third and fourth rounds of trumps. East had signaled his club length by throwing the deuce of clubs (showing an odd number), followed by the nine. West was sure of declarer's original shape: 3-7-0-3. If she played a club, not only might she finesse ber partner's honor, but she would give an entry to dummy's diamond queen.

So she played the ace of spades followed by the six of spades, giving South the spade king, but not the contract. The defense bad three tricks and South still had a club loser ... unless East unguarded bis queen.

13th spade. East, who would have

much preferred to see that eight of

spades in person, finally threw his

queen of spades and declarer was

down one. It was a happy ending

for the defense, hut not without a

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28 Ynu need your cases for this sort of hobiday (7)

29 Bloomer may be a big one

30 Cash required to support athletes? (7,8)

AVPTIC CROSSWORD

few new gray hairs.

South played out all his trumps, coming down to his three clubs. On the last trump, East was down to the queen of spades and three clubs and still had to discard.

After an agonizing minute, the ressure became unbearable. East had to find the right discard or he would give the vulnerable conweeded and tilled garden. tract. And worse, he was partnered by his wife, so if he made a mis-

windy and warm days to go into action. All the thistles, artichokes, dandelions and a host of other plants and wildflowers have joined the parade. But when they land in my garden they do resemble enemy troops.

Parachutes are only one of the

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Among the most interesting of the seeds are those that are dispersed hy willing or even unwitting hosts. Animals and humans play a vital role in this dispersal. The seeds of some plants get caught in the fur or feathers of other species or in people's clothing.

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take, he would never hear the end Meanwhile. West, in love with the new-age signaling system, had played the jack of diamonds followed by a lower one, signaling that she held something in spades, and that something must be the

methods that plants employ to propagate their species. Some plants go snap, crackle and pop, and their pods throw their seeds afar to be dispersed later by rainstorm runoff. Some are so small thar, attached to a hit of down, they

been an airborne invasion around here. The parachutists have come in almost a

dozen varieties, each different but each equally potent. They were not enemy troops, but seeds.

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of these places are in my well-Every one of these individualized

ACROSS

1 Surviva a heavy blow (7,3,5)

- 9 Soon led astray and may
- end in the soup (7) 10 Taking the offensive is a
- help in the boxing arena (7)
- 11 Bound to leave out (4)
- 12 Retinue prepare for performance (5) 13 Break in, being unafraid of human contact (4)
- 16 Looks at with an expres-
- sion of friendlinesa (7)
- 17 Composer is brought back
- in irons, but set free (7) 18 Festival now beginning in
- the Orient (7)
- 21 Mr. Kelly has a twitch-it's
- hereditary (7)
- 23 Communication-possibly barbed (4)
- 24 He is very selective about
- the movies he goes to (5)

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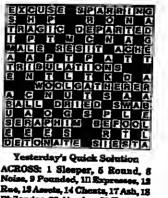
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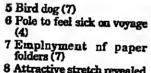
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Prevent weeds from taking root GARDENING tivar used. What does it mean?

Solving weed problems in your garden means attacking the problem while it is still controllable. The longer you wait, the worse it gets, and it never goes away by itself.

The increasing warmth and sun-shine at this time of year not only promote the growth of new flowers, but also promote the sprouting of weeds. It seems as though there is always one part of the garden which needs to be cleared of fieshly sprouted weeds.

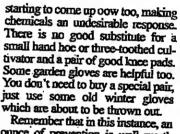
Weeds will appear in the best-tended gardens. Some will be blown in by the wind, not only from your neighbor's overgrown garden, but from areas many miles away.

Mother nature has provided them with the most wonderful array of wings, propellers and feathery heads to help them travel long distances. Some of the seeds will travel on the coat of a passing dog or cat, some will arrive on the feathers of a bird. There's no way to keep them out of our gardens.

The ground becomes covered with almost invisible weed seeds and they seem to germinate year round. Mild, damp, winter weather is the time when the appearance of all these sprouts is the worst. It's also the time when it is easiest to get rid of them.

This is the opportunity, while they are still young and have just germinated or are still small seedlings with undeveloped root systems. The longer you let them grow, the tougher they get.

There are many chemical weed killers on the market but, of course, your self-seeding annuals are just



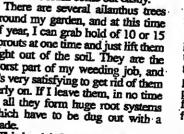
ounce of prevention is well worth the pound of cure. If you spend a little time every couple of weeks keeping the soil acrated and loose, you can prevent the germination of seeds by killing them before they start.

Doo't wait for the weeds to appear. While you are cultivating, pull out all the tiny sprouts. The soil is soft, wet and very pliable now so

around my garden, and at this time of year, I can grab hold of 10 or 15 sprouts at one time and just lift them right out of the soil. They are the worst part of my weeding job, and it's very satisfying to get rid of them early on. If I leave them, in no time at all they form huge root systems which have to be dug out with a spade.

ground is soaked or when rain is imminent. It's also much more pleasant to work outdoors with the soft, warm sun on your back and a promise of spring.

the roots should come out easily.



This is a job for a sunny day. It's a waste of time to weed when the

asks: I have often seen the word cul-

INEZ KLIMIST A cultivar (short for cultivated variety) is a plant that has been hybridized. It most likely won't be able to survive in the wild for more than a few generations. The term was invented by botanists to distin-guish cultivated varieties from natural varieties of species that originate and reproduce in the wild.

Most garden plants are cultivars. The term is used interchangeably with variety, horticultural variety and garden variety. Hybrid cultivars of different strains are given names to differentiate various colors, types or sizes and to protect patents on newly developed plants.

D.S. asks: I have a lot of seeds left over from last year. How can I tell if they are still good enough to use?

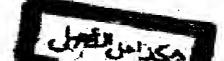
Most seeds will remain capable of germinating for three to five years if properly stored in dry, cool conditions. The only way to kn.)w for sure is to run a germination test.

Count out 20 seeds from the packet onto three layers of premoistened paper towels. Roll the towels up carefully and tuck into a plastic bag. Keep it in a warm place. Check the seeds after three or four days, and thereafter every day for a week.

Allow three weeks for most varieties to germinate. If a root protrudes from the seed coar, the seed has germinated. You will be able to determine how healthy the seeds are and whether they are worth planting by simply counting how many have germinated. If the germination rate has dropped by more than a third, throw the seeds away and buy a new packet.



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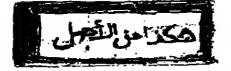


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TRAVEL

Club Med's good when it's Club Alp too

Eating and skiing take precedence on this vacation to La Plagne, **Judy Rabinowitz**

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writes Sometimes, life as a journalist has its perks, and being invited on a compli-mentary skiing holiday to the Alpine resort of La Plagne by Club Med was one of them. As my friend Dorit remarked in

envy, "Some people get all the luck." And she was right. During over 30 years of operation Club Med has deservedly built up a worldwide reputation for providing what are - by most standards anyway quality vacations at affordable prices.

This well-run, French-based company oow has 120 villages worldwide, including two "summer" resorts in Israel (at Coral Beach in Eilat and at Arziv in the north). Nineteen of these are skiing villages dotted across the Alps. One, at Meribel, has dropped the usual all-inclusive package holiday approach, and oow provides serious five-star à la carte luxury at a price which doesn't come cheap.

But the others stick with the traditional formula - you pay a set price and then (in addition to travel and accommodation) get as much delicious food, wine and beer, nighttime entertainment and, most importantly for this boliday, free skiing lessons (including a free ski pass), all thrown in at no extra cost.



Crisp snow and one of the largest skiing terrains in Europe greet holidaymakers who "Club Med it" at La Plagne.

La Plagne is one of Club Med's best resorts. Located 2,100 meters high in the Savoie mountains in France, the resort is surrounded by a vast skiing terrain, made up of 10 satellite resorts, which together. make up the "Trois Vallées," one of the largest ski domains in Europe.

MANY WOULD say it's worth going on a Club Med holiday if only for the food, which is great (as one might expect from a French-run company). Eating from the sumptuous buffets at Club Med is a serious occupation. And believe me, I took it very

seriously In fact for me, harder even than staying upright on the ski slopes, was arranging my eating schedule. Normally, at home my breakfast involves grabbing half a yoghurt as I rush out the front door. At Club Med, I went down to the dining room early enough to make sure I had enough time to taste everything: the crispy croissants, the stuffed pizza-topped tomatoes, the tasty Danishes. And that was just breakfast.

Weighed down with a full stomach, I headed onto the snow for what should have been the real fun, or in my case - since 1

was a beginner - it was more like into the snow, since I ended up slipping and sliding down the mountainside with my goodlooking Italian instructor, Luka, in tow to rescue me.

"Lean forward." Luka shouted at me, as he waited arms outstretched to catch me.

"I am leaning forward," I shouted back, as I went whizzing straight past him at what seemed like 100 km/h, but hy then I was going in the wrong direction - and on my butt. I overheard one guy ask his friend, "Doesn't that girl have legs? Every time I see her she is sliding through the snow on her backside. Luka had to dig me out of the snow so many times that if they'd put a carrot on my oose and left me there, I would have made

a great snowman. The skiing day ended around 4 p.m. when we would trudge back to the hotel to be greeted by a steaming cup of hot chocolate or a glass of home-made punch.

Then the questioo was whether to take a sauna, a massage, an aerohics class, exercise in the well-equipped fitness room, or just go to sleep. Such difficult decisions.

And then, guess what? More eating, much more. The range of delicious dishes to choose from at dinner matched those at breakfast, and as I wanted to try the lot, I somehow managed to stretch my stomach just a little bit more.

In the evenings, an entertainment troupe came up with some very funny shows which kept us rolling in our seats. Later on, at midnight, it was time to go downstairs to the disco to dance away the night.

AT CLUB Med there are (officially at any rate) no staff or guests. Instead you are referred to as a "gentil membre" (GM) and you are looked after by a "gentil organisateur" (GO). The joh of the GO is to make everything run smoothly. They are relaxed and easy-going, and don't wear uniforms or accept tips. The same GO can eat breakfast with you, act as your ski instructor, and then join you in the evening for a drink, at dinner, or even for a boogie on the dance floor.

Another good reasoo to take a winter ski holiday with Club Med is that if your companions are of different skiing abilities than yourself, there are plenty of free classes provided to cater for all levels. Although this was my first Club Med trip, I'm sure it woo't be my last.

Good family holiday

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Iub Med offers all-inclusive winter ski holidays: return flights, transfers, full board, accommodatioo, ski pass, ski lessons with qualified instructors at all levels, childreo's clubs, evening entertainment and insur-

In additioo to skiing, you can learn to snowboard, toboggan, bobsleigh, and ice-raft. You can also play tennis, squash, and go ice skating.

Club Med provides children's clubs at most of its ski villages, where children have their own ski school and can be looked after for most of the day, allowing parents to relax and enjoy themselves away from the kids.

Chamonix, at the foot of Moot Blanc, is an ideal place for families. There is a haby club and ski lessons start from four years old.

For those of you who don't want small kids around, Val D'Isere offers a very high standard of comfort, has three restaurants and a fitness center, and welcomes children only over the age of 10 It is ideal for both intermediate and expert skiers.

Les Arces, io the heart of the Savoie Alps, offers a Snowboarding School, which is ideal for teenagers, and a 10 percent discount for 10- to 17-yearolds.

The local biblical landscape reserve

SEE IT HERE HAIM SHAPIRO

N Tu Bishvat, which falls on Monday, it is easy to fiod flowering almood trees all around the country, but to learn something about the almond tree and the holiday, a visit to Neot Kedumim is io order.

Known as a "biblical landscape reserve," Neot Kedumim was founded io 1965 hy Nogah Hareuveni in an attempt to recreate landscapes of the Bible. This is not an easy task, since ancient Canaan, like the modern State of Israel, included a large variety of climatic and soil conditions in a relatively small area. Scholars also disagree oo the identity of some of the species mentioned in the Bible.

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'Little Jerusalem' is featured on tour of Jewish Italy

Ditigliano, the Tuscan village known as "Little Jerusalem," is to be one of the features on an Eoglish-speaking 12-day tour of Jewish Italy, planned hy the Friends of the Museum of Italian Jewish Art in Jerusalem, with the participation of Professor Robert Boufil.

The price of \$2,500 includes flights and transportation, hotels and kosher full board. Ziontours in Jerusalem is handling the arrangements.

Ein Zivan is offering a midweek rate of NIS 175 per couple with hreakfast, including entry to the Hermon.

TRAVEL TIPS

HAIM SHAPIRO

ends.

TRAVEL MAKERS, a new travel wholesaler, is offering vouchers for the Treff chain of four-star Germany and hotels io witzenand. vouchers hotels cost a set price of DM 118 for a single, DM 132 for a room for two or three, DM 158 for a room for four, and DM 200 for a room for five. The company also promises to refund any unused vouchers, with oo cancellation or service fee.

However, it was only by visit ing Neot Kedumim recently that I learned why we celebrate the New Year for Trees oo a day when hardly any oative tree is bearing fruit. It is the cutoff date for figuring the amount of offerings one must give to the priestly caste (kohanim) in any particular year, just as January 1 marks the end of the previous tax year.

One of the few trees which does bear fruit on Tu Bishvat is the etrog, or citron, and the park has a citron tree with one enormous fruit and a few smaller ooes nestliog in its branches.

The citron tree is small and fairly inconspicuous, but among the more evident trees are the cedars, which are flourishing, despite being far from their oative Lebanese soil. Not far from the cedars is the hyssop, a wild oregano known to us as the main ingredient of the Middle Eastern seasoning, za'atar. In the Bible, the cedar is equated with pride. the low-growiog hyssop with humility.

Although the area is mainly devoted to plants, those seeking a ancient site will appreciate the fact that a village stood here duriog the Second Temple and Byzantine periods. The presence of about 50 cisterns indicates that it had a population of about 500.

Neot Kedumim belps answer questions about the diverse landscapes gracing the land of the Bible

In one such cistern, which is cquipped with a ladder, the drama of the Joseph saga becomes crys-tal clear. This was the "pit" into which Joseph's brothers put him. Once inside a roomy but not very invitiog cistern, the visitor becomes aware of just how helpless a prisoner would be, with no means of escape.

AS LUCK would have it, the area also provides suitable remains for both religious Jews, who can visit an ancient mikve, or ritual bath, and Christians, who can see the remains of a Byzantine chapel, complete with a cross in the mosaic floor.

The site is opeo to both organized groups and individuals from 8:30 a.m. to sunset oo weekdays and 8:30 to 1 on Fridays. It is closed oo Shabbat and the last eotry is two hours before closing time. Groups can arrange for a

guided tour and there is also a Ramot-Ben Shemen road. Visitors weekly tour for individuals oo Friday at 9:30. Admission is NIS 16 for adults, NIS 11 for childreo. havoc with the road signs.

For those who prefer to wander about on their own, there are three self-guided tour trails with written explanations. Visitors may also reot an electronic Easy-Guide, with recorded explanatioos which can be called up at spots through-out the park. Most of the park is wheelchair accessible and there are also golf carts available for visitors who have difficulty walking. Neot Kedumim is near Modi'in.

To reach it from Tel Aviv, take the Ben Shemen exit on the Jerusalem Highway, turn left at the traffic light, and then left again at the sign to Neot Kedamim about three kilometers down the road. From Jerusalem, it is best to take the

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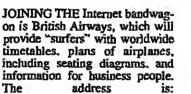
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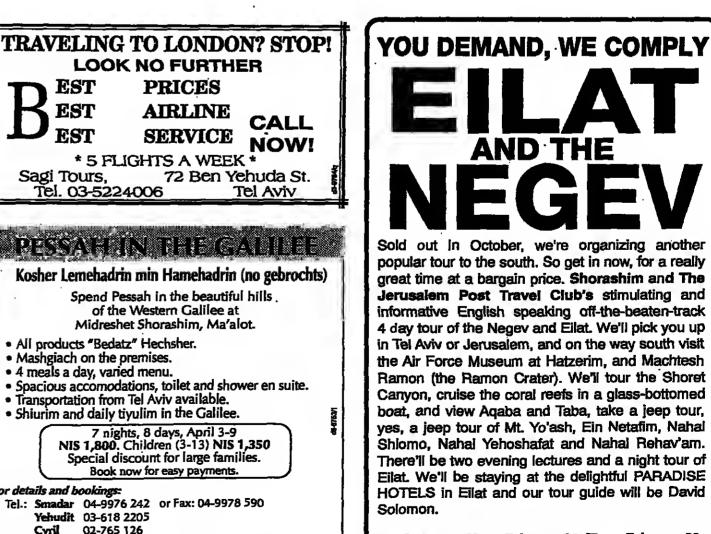
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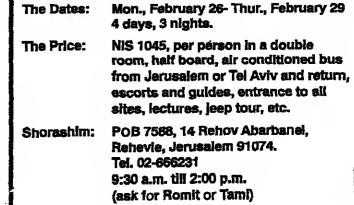


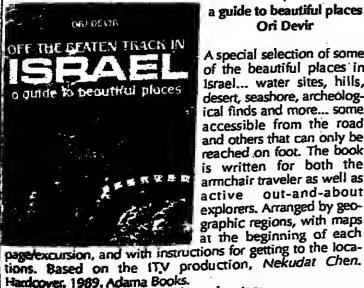
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On a cross-country spurt to redemption

An Israeli who has worked closely with Ethiopians says he is optimistic about the community's future, Abraham Rabinovich reports

Deachy first got to know Ethiopian Jews on their own turf when he visited the remote hills of Ethiopia's Gondar region in 1989. "Their walk was a half-run," he recalled this week. "Their bodies leaned slightly for-ward and they covered tremendous distances.

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Upon returning to Israel, be took a job working with Ethiopians who had arrived in the country a

few years earlier. "My first meeting was in Ashkelon with a group being dis-charged from the army. We had to walk a few hundred meters to register them for an educational program. When I said let's start walkgrant. when I said that is start watk-ing they said 'Are you crazy. Peachy? Let's wait for a bus or a taxi.' I said 'Are you crazy? Do you remember the distances you malked in Ethiopia?" walked in Ethiopia?"

Peachy Ben-Meir - he does not use his given first name, Yoram has for the past five years been director of the Division for the Advancement of Ethiopian Jews of the Joint (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee).

His ruddy, white-bearded countenance was one of the few white faces visible in the milling ranks of the Ethiopians whose violent demonstration outside the prime minister's office on Sunday shocked the nation and marked a major turning point in the shaping of the Ethiopian community. "They were assuming leadership," says Peachy.

Although the veteran community worker identifies strongly enough with the Ethiopians' sense of anguish to have joined their demonstration he does not believe that Israeli society has cause for guilt feelings. "There is no reason to beat our breasts. Much more

ACK TO Basel. Fifty-one years after he showed up in 1946 at the last of the 10

Zionist Congresses held in Basel,

President Ezer Weizman will be

back there to attend the centennial

of the first Zionist Congress.

When Weizmann visited in 1946.

it was to see the conference chair-

has been done, and done better, than in the absorption of previous immigration waves."

The difficulties encountered by the Ethiopians, says Peachy, are inevitable. "The Talmud says that redemption, when it comes, will be step hy step. You cannot move a tribe like this, a people, to another place with such a profound difference in culture in one jump.

The road of absorption is a long one, it is an adventure, and this one, it is an adventure, and there are very difficult stretches for individuals along the way and for the group. Despite the best efforts of the establishment and large parts of the Israeli public to create a bridge there is a build to create a hridge, there is a huild-up of frustration and anger." A former kihhutz shepherd who has written a slim book of poetry

on thorns, Peachy had during his visit to Ethiopia joined young Jewish shepherds when they took their flocks of sheep out to pasture.

"We spent two nights sleeping out in the fields. There were wild animals out there including lions. The boys were just 12-15 years old and they slept like we do in the IDF on ambush, in an outward facing circle so that whoever is awake can kick the others if he sees something. There was no adult with them and they slept with spears in their hands, prepared for anything. What I saw in Ethiopia was that the Jews there stood on their own feet and could deal with anything in their environment, man or beast."

This self-reliance disappeared the moment they stepped off the plane onto the Promised Land, which turned out to be not an upscale replica of Ethiopia but a modern Western country, baffling in its strangeness.

GRAPEVINE

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such paternalism, without assis-tance, the Ethiopian community would not have reached the stage it has in such a short time. "There would not have been 1,300 students either in university or in preparatory courses for universi-Although Peachy is himself part

of the establishment, he is a very non-establishment figure. His Weizman to go back to Basel

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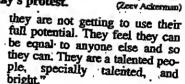
wears, even in the dead of winter and on the most formal of occa-. sions. A Joint program for which he is responsible has found jobs for Ethiopian men around the country and is now reaching out successfully to bring Ethiopian mothers, including a high percentage who are single parents, into the work force. Special courses have trained Ethiopians for a variety of jobs from dental assistants to bank clerks.

The problem, says Peachy, is

that the patronizing period has gone on too long. "From our desire to help we taught them that they don't have to walk, that they will be taken. That's what I saw with that group of young soldiers in Ashkelon.

"In the worst case, they became dependent. Those with more initiative and ability found a place in the Israeli establishment but became No. 2 or 3 in an office even though they were able to be No. 1.

"They are frustrated because



Despite their innate intelligence, many Ethiopians youths do poorly. in school, which adds to the trustration. "Many of us are con-vinced that the reason fory, do poorly is that they stay home with their mothers until age two when they are obligated to go to kindergarten. They do not experience the

challenges that other kids have in pre-school programs. They fall behind and stay behind.

"The fact that so many have been able to get into university despite this handicap, after they have been exposed to enrichment programs indicates their talents." There is now a proposal afoot, says Peachy, that would get Ethiopian tots into pre-school programs, at least part of the day.

Sunday's demonstration snapped everyone awake, including the immigrants themselves. "What has to happen now is the transfer of responsibilities to the Ethiopian community itself," says Peachy.

"In working with them we will ask them now to set their own priorities and then do what has to be done to carry them out. It will be for them to draw np proposals --whether for better integrated schools, new synagogues, or whatever - and for them to point to hudgetary sources." Until now, towns in which

Ethiopian groups are located have generally co-opted one or more immigrants onto committees dealing with Ethiopian communal problems. This, says Peachy, has been little more than ornamental since decision making resided with the white majority. "What has to be done now is the

creation in each of these places of joint boards dealing with communal services on which the immigrants have equal weight. There can no longer be any discussion about the fate of the community without their full participation."

Because of lessons learned from the past, the integration of the Ethiopian community will proceed even faster than previous immigration waves, says Peachy. "It was many years before the prohlems of, say, the Moroccan immigration, were put on the table and talked about."

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Sunday's demonstration, which revealed not only depths of alien-ation but organizational ability and an articulate leadership, sug-gests that the Ethiopian Jewish community which learned to live with lions is learning to live with a well-meaning if sometimes maladroit hureaucracy.

VOICE (Continued from Page 7) Minister's Office and spread out on the surroonding hills. Estimates put the turnont at around 10,000, no mean feat considering that the entire Ethiopian-Jewish community here is less than 60.000.

For the Ethiopian Ja

Community worker Peachy Ben-Meir was one of the only non-Ethiopians who participated in Sunday's protest. trademark is the short pants he said Peachy, the Israeli establish-ment's attitude was one of pater-nalism, by definition. Without

uncle, Chaim Weizmann, who was ened to he his to become Israel's first president. The senior Weizmann had been participating in Zionist Congresses since 1898, the year of the second congress, and was well acquainted with Zionist visionary Theodor Herzl, who wrote in his diary that in Basel he founded the Jewish state

THE MEMORY of Chaim Weizmann was revived during Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's recent Asian odyssey. Seeking to interest Michael



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JUST. A few more memories of happier times. When she accepted the invitation to attend the Israel Bonds gala Task Force dinner at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, Leah Rabin did not know that she would be taking home a leatherbound photo alhum containing a 30-year photographic record of

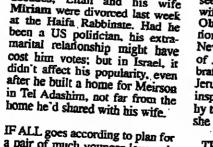
Sharony apparently likes to provide pleasant surprises for. women. At a dinner the previous night at the Laronnne Hotel in Jerusalem, he publicly toasted his wife, Zelda, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Yitzhak Rabin's memory.

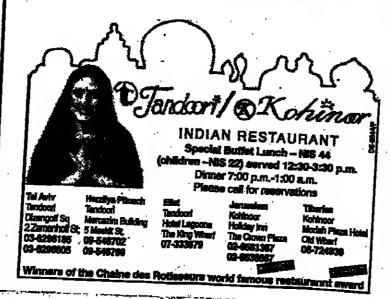
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DISCUSSING THE determination of the news content in radio and television broadcasts, Razi Barka'i, who was standing in for Micha Freedman on Educational Television's Media Brief, men-tioned Visrael Galili, who many years ago was the arbiter of what was fit to broadcast. When Barka'i asked studio guest Ahmed Rafik Awad, editor-inchief of the Voice of Palestine, if the name Yisrael Galili was familiar to him, he was completely taken aback by the spontaneous

reply. Awad's face lit up, he grinned ear-to-ear and said: "He was Golda Meir's lover." AND TALKING of lovers, Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan is now in a position to make an honest woman of Ofra Meirson, with whom he has been living for the past three or four years. After a marriage lasting close to four decades, Eitan and his wife



a pair of much younger lovers, it



ar. The man riage will enable the bride-to-be to opt out of the army, which means that neither bride nor groom - a great-nephew of Moshe Dayan will have served in the IDF.

will be a June wedding for singing enfant terrible Aviv Gefen and his

18-year-old fiancee Ilana Berkowitz. His impending

change of status may account for

his new image. Gefen has shorn

his shoulder-length locks, and his

clothes are not quite as exotic as

THOUGH MODELING is her first career choice, Kate Moss look-alike Gili Shemtov will happily scule for politics which are in her genes. Grandpa Victor Shemtov, whom she greatly admires, is a former Health Minister.

THE 15% acquisition in Elite by Gideon Holdings, the Strauss family's investment company, must have been awfully sweet for David Federman, who outsmart-ed his good friend, Bino Zadik, in the battle for company control. But it was a bitter pill for lawyer David Mosevics, Elite's former managing director and son of one of the company's founding families. Just over 11 years ago, Mosevics was negotiating for Elite to purchase the controlling interest in Strauss Dairies, and now the tables have turned.

WHILE THERE is an excellent relationship between the mayors of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv - they frequently visit each other's cities for various events - it doesn't seem right that Aliza Olmert, wife of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Ohmert, should have an exhibinon of her works at Tel Aviv's Neveh Tzedek Gallery in the year of Jerusalem's trimillennial celebrations. On the other hand, since Jerusalem is supposed to be an inspiration, she could argue that hy taking her art out of Jerusalem, she was spreading the message.

THE TIMING was absolutely perfect. Kobi Leket, chairman of



An immigrant at last week's demonstration shows verification of donating blood: Ethiopian leaders are insisting that those responsible for the destruction of blood be punished. (Yitztak Elharat/Scoop 80)

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(Continued from Page 7) notice that Ethiopian immigrants expect the panel to get to the heart of why they feel they are the target of discrimination and act to correct the situation. At the top of his list of demands

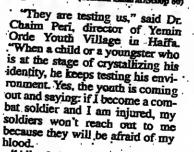
is that every local rabbinate agree to marry Ethiopians. Only 10 do so now. He is calling for the transfer of 1,000 Ethiopian school-children from special education programs to regular classes, and for distributing them so the student body of no school is more than 25 percent Ethiopian.

Echanasa wants more funds pumped into early educational enrichment programs for the community. He also demanded solutions to the problems of Ethiopian IDF recruits, which have led to an unusually high suicide rate among them.

JUST AS importantly, Echanasa and other Ethiopian leaders have made it clear that they want punishments for those responsible for the surreptitions destruction of blood donations and for doctors who made racist statements during the controversy.

The controversy has provided a glimpse of what could happen if their problems are not addressed in a substantive way. Over the past week, there have been press reports about young Ethiopian Jews expressing hesitancy about IDF service. Why should they spill their blood, they asked, for a country that does not recognize that blood as legitimate?

One young Ethiopian model/acress sold a newspaper that she and her friends were considering converting to Christianity to protest the way the Jewish state is treating them.



"All of them want to be told, 'No, no, no. We want you with us in the army. You are part of this society. When you ache, when you suffer, you bring it out, you want someone to embrace you and tell you that everything is going to be all right, that you are accepted. We must do this."

IT HAS been charged that the government and education establishment are repeating the mis-takes made with past immigra-tions. Messala threatened in the Knesset that if the grievances of Ethiopians are not redressed quickly and effectively, the ground will be laid for the emergence of fanatics such as Uzi Meshulam.

"Frankly. I think the mistakes are more severe this time, because this is now a wealthier country. which could do a lot better," says Odenheimer, "Unlike decades ago, there's no excuse. I've heard people say that every immigrant group has suffered, from the Poles to the Moroccans.

"But this isn't the 1950s anymore," Odenheimer continues. "We're looking at a different kind of society now, an Israel that is moving to a modern, fast-paced US-style model. And to create a US-style black underclass out of a group of Jews that dreamed of coming to Zion would be a true tragedy."

issues both then and now had more to do with pride than any material injury. In 1985, they told of the centuries of oppression which they had faced in order to remain Jews, only to be told, in effect, that they were not real Jews. Today, they were told that their blood was contaminated.

The question of contaminated blood particularly affected lyov Woodshef, 28, because he works in a pharmaceutical company. Would they now force him to work with gloves whenever he had the smallest scratch, he wondered.

Woodshef said Ethiopian-Jewish immigrants had imagined that the extensive medical examinations and blood tests which they were given were for their own good.

PERHAPS ONE of the most striking differences was the fact that while in 1985 the demonstrators scemed to be, if not typically Jewish, an exotic group long cut off from the Jewish people. A large number of demonstrators this week could easily have been taken for orban blacks in the US or England.

Dr. Shalva Weil, a Hebrew University anthropologist who has studied the community, said the way the demonstrators shook their fists reminded her of Ethiopia's former Marxist regime. She pointed out that several demonstrators carried Ethiopian flags, and some young people wore knitted hats in red, green and black, the colors of Africa

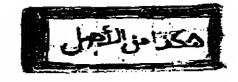
However, only Ethiopian Jews in Israel, as Weil pointed out, could one have seen knitted kippot with the Ethiopian flag. The wearers, she said, wanted to be part of the mainstream national-religious public, but weren't accepted, so they were forging their own identity. But this did not mean, she said

that the demonstration was evidence that we have failed in absorbing the community. Just as Israelis in 1985 brought food and hlankets for the protesters, Israeli society has remained very sympathetic, she insisted.

What she saw was a unified community with superb powers of organization and natural leaders. They were very verbal Israelis of Ethiopian origin, who had the confidence to demonstrate and shout in excellent Hebrew.

For the demonstrators themselves, the lessons of Israeli history were not lost.

"We don't want to be like the Yemenites of the '50s, we don't want to be [film character] Sallah Shabati," Menashe said.



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Japanese firms, Kodak announce photo 'revolution'

and Fuji said the new system would allow easier enlargements

The negatives will be encased in

a drop-loading cassette, which will

eliminate lost exposures, and will

encode digital information across

able photofinishing equipment to

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Advantiz film will come in a vari-

ety of speeds and will work in a

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After five years of development

at a cost of about \$1 billion and

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need to make their picture-taking

easier, Kodak unveiled a line of

David Biehn, Kodak's Senior

Vice President, said the new film,

which is 24 mm, wide instead of

the current 35 mm., will cost 15-

20 percent more. The line of Ad-

vantix cameras will range from

"under \$100" to \$400, although

Biehn declined to say exactly

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LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - Eastman Kodak Co. and four major Japanese firms yesterday announced a "revolutionary" new line of photographic film and cameras that they said would change the way people take photographs.

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The products will be launched on April 22 in the United States, Japan and selected European countries, Kodak Chairman, President and CEO George Fisher told a news conference.

Kodak and four rivals - Fuji Photo Film, Minolta, Canon, and Nikon - put aside their differences to share the costs in developing a common standard designed to replace the current 35 mm, standard. Each of the five companies will market its own line of products using the new generation of tech-nology, called Advanced Photo System, or APS, which combines traditional chemical photography with digital technology.

"This is a revolutionary milestone in photography so significant it will change the way we make, store and develop pictures. It will set the standard well into the next century," said Fisher.

In separate statements, Kodak

Real interest rates to stay higher than in US, Europe

REAL interest rates will remain higher than those in Western Europe and the US, since unlike those economies Israel's is in the midst of a disinflationary effort, Bank of Israel spokesman Ohad Bar-Efrat said yesterday.

Unlike other leading central banks, most notably the US Fed-eral Reserve, which this week lowered its key lending rate by 25 basis points after having done so six weeks ago, the Bank of Israel raised interest rates this week by 30 basis points, to 14 percent. Critics of Governor Jacob

Frenkel's tight monetary policy, most notably the Treasury and the Manufacturers' Association,

Jerusalem Post Staff

attacked the central bank for maintaining a 6% gap between its key lending rate and the annual rate of inflation, which in 1995 stood at 8.1%. In most industrial powers that gap - which indicates the real level of interest rates currently stands at roughly 3%. An economy which is engaged in an ongoing struggle to eliminate historic - rather than episodic - inflation, must retain higher

Efrat. The Treasury and some industrialists fear that the central bank's tight- credit policy might prematurely stifle the economy's currently robust growth rate.

The central bank, for its part, has concluded that the economy continued to expand rapidly over the second half of 1995, despite relatively high interest rates.

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Yona, reported a rise in January

sales, to 40 from 36. Ramet sales

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last month, to 66 from 67, while

Azorim's sales decreased to 66

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Yakar Gat sales fell to 32 from

35, Elram sales fell to 41 from 49

and Rassco sales decreased to 36

The central bank's research department mentioned, for instance, a 4.4% rise in the retail sector's activity during the July-December period, in comparison with the first half of the year, a 5% rise in the number of tourists who entered the country between July and November, in comparison with the first half of the year, and a 3% rise in the number of apartments under construction.

Payton Planar, Taiwanese company form joint venture

RACHEL NEIMAN

PAYTON Planar Magnetics and the Taiwanese firm Sim-Com yesterday agreed to establish Payton-Asia, a 50-50 joint venture to manufacture planar magnetic transformers in Taiwan.

Annual turnover is expect-ed to reach \$100 million within three years. The initial investment in the Taiwan factory will be \$1.5 million. The second stage of investment will be in 12 or 15 months.

Senior manager Kobi Rosenwasser, who conducted the negotiations, said that Payton expects market penetration in Asia to have a dramatic effect on its business elsewhere in the world.

"The group is changing into a multinational," he said. "Israel will become a second source of supply to all our joint ventures.

Payton supplies firms such as ABB Group, Nokia, Alcatel, Siemens, and Enksson with planar magnetic transformers. The factory will be set up according to know-how and rearch provided by the Israeli company. Products will be sold in China, Japan, Singapore,

South Korea, and Taiwan. In the future, the company also plans to reach markets in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philip-pines, Thailand, and Vietnam. SinCom is a subsidiary of the Taiwan Textile Company, a

privately owned concern headquartered in Talchung. The concern has interests in finance, telemarketing, and air and ground transport. SimCom specializes in cellular communication and paging technologies. Payton Planar is a subsid-

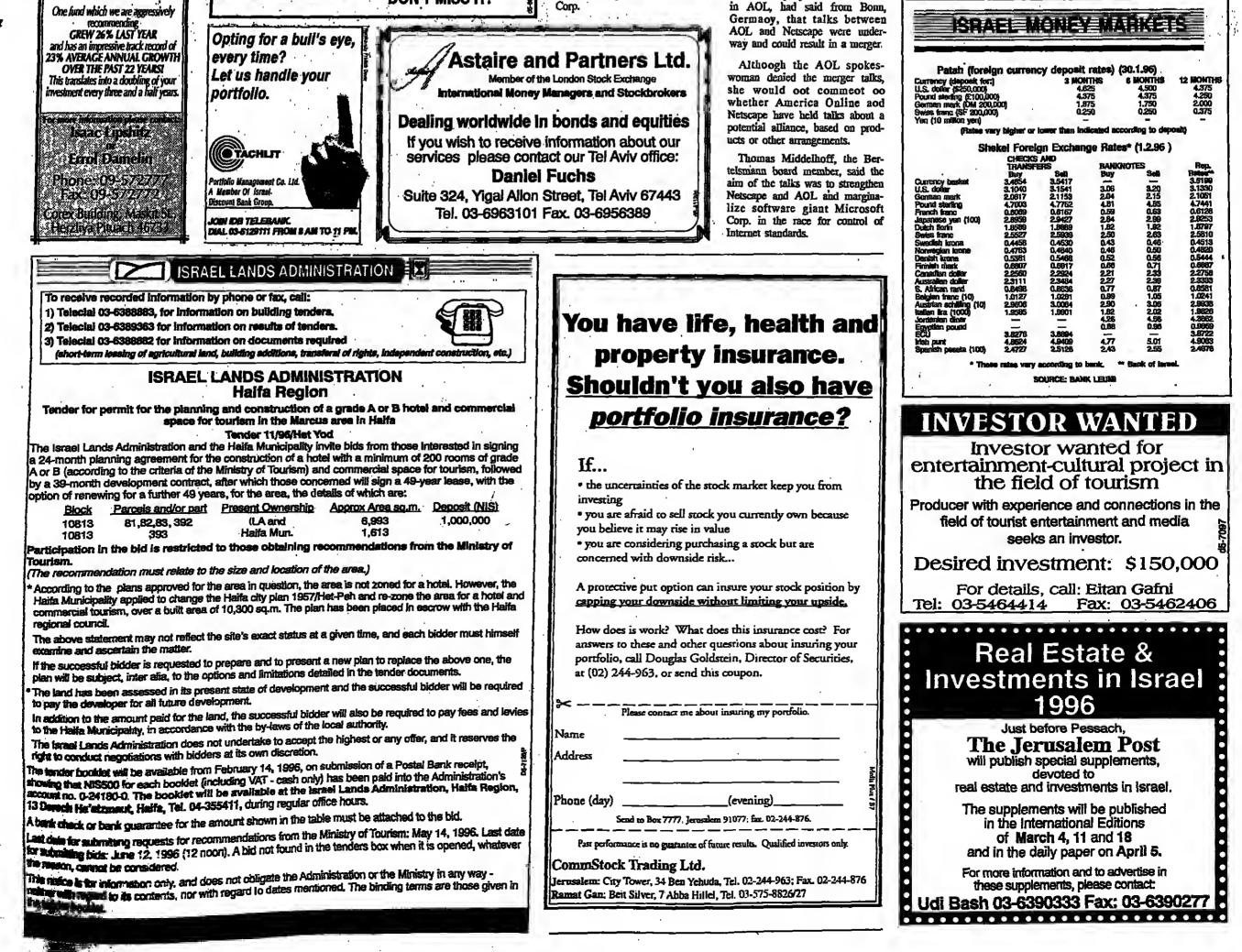
iary of Payton Israel, a publicly traded company. Major shareholders include general manager David Yativ (51 per-cent) and Miki Peretz (24%). Other subsidiaries include Payton Technologies, Payton Properties, and Payton Investment and Trade.

Payton is also negotiating a second strategic partnership with an Austrian company, which Rosenwasser said "should be closed within the next few weeks." Other strategic partnerships are being considered in India and the US, and a commercial joint venture is being discussed with a French entity.

IAI unit receives ISO certification

ISRAEL Aircraft Industries' Center for Data Systems has received quality certification from the International Standards Organization, one of the first avionics and space plants in Israel to receive such a classification. The center, called Maman, operates and maintains IAI systems as well as provides consulting for computer systems abroad. ISO certification is usually required by most Western contractors. Steve Rodan

"We're not in merger talks with Netscape," a spokeswoman for America Online said. A director of Bertelsmann AG, a major media company and stockholder



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Apartment sales fall 6.2%

APARTMENT sales fell 6.2 percent in January compared to December, according to sales figures provided by the nine largest construction companies.

The companies stressed that December 1995 was a record

month in terms of sales. A spokesman for the Association of Contractors and Builders said housing prices have so far remained stable despite the drop in January sales. The association

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main stable throughout the year. Leading the sale list in January was Shikun Ovdim, which sold 152 apartments, compared with 168 in the previous mooth, followed by Shikum Ufituah, with sales up to 101 units, from 96 in December,

Ashdar sales dropped to 63 last month, from 91 in December. An Ashdar spokesman said the drop does not indicate a change in from 20.

American Online denies merger talks with Netscape

NEW YORK (Reuter) - America Online Inc. yesterday denied a report by a major stockholder that it was holding merger talks with Netscape Commonications



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TOKYO - Stocks closed at; their highest level in 19 months as active buying of low-priced, large-capital issues overwhelmed profit-taking by domestic institutions. Underlying sentiment re-; mains strong amid growing ex-The Nikkei climbed 122.38 points to 20,935.12, its highest close." since June 23, 1994 when it closed at 21,040.21.

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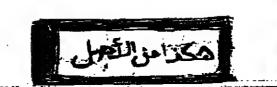
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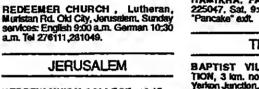
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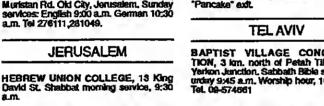
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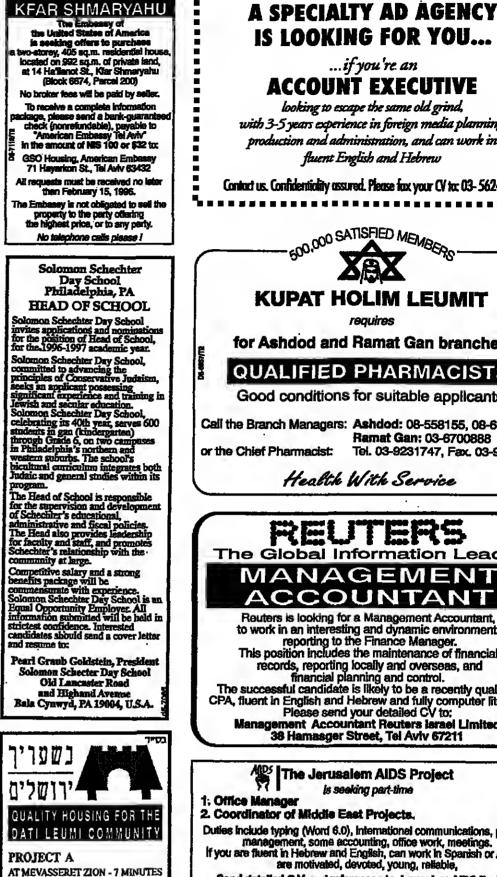


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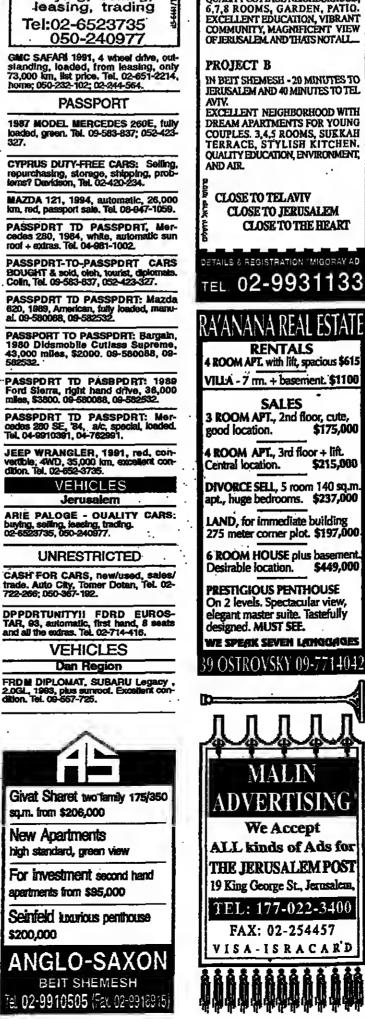
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Ex-defense attache, wife charged with fraud, theft

BRIG.-Gen. Yehuda Peled, a former Defense Ministry attache in Singapore, and his wife, Avital, who worked as the bookkeeper in the delegation's office, have been indicted on five counts of fraud and theft by the Tel Aviv District Court, which removed a publication ban on the indictment yesterday.

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The couple is accused of defranding the Defense Ministry of hundreds of thousands of shekels from July 1989 to August 1993.

The two allegedly reported inflated prices for some 30 airline tickets that actually cost several hundred dollars less each. The higher sum was paid to a travel agent that kept the difference in a private account for the Peleds to use. The Peieds are also alleged to have written checks on and made cash withdrawals from the delegation's account, by claiming they had made home visits or made other approved trips that

they never actually made. Avital Peled and her family also allegedly accompanied ber husband on business trips, with the family's expenses being illegally charged to the ministry. The couple is also accused of claiming and receiving payment for un-used vacation days far in excess of the number of days they were entitled to.

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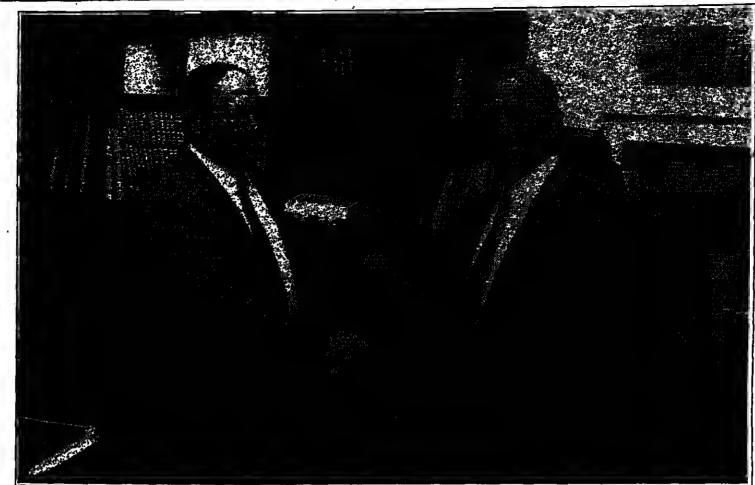
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Avi Kostelitz (right), a senior General Security Service division chief who retired earlier this week, is greeted by National Religious Party secretary-general Zevulun Orley. Kostelitz joined the NRP yesterday and will shortly take up a key organizational role in its election campaign. (Efraim Kilshtok)

to Ethiopians: We'll do better "THERE are differences in language and un-

derstanding, and there are things we have to learn from each other so we can do things better," Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told a group of Ethiopian immigrants yesterday. "But I have no doubt

will do them better in the future." Among the Ethiopians who met with Shahak and OC Manpower Branch Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer at IDF headquarters in Tel Aviv was Addisu Messala, head of the Unified Organizations of Ethiopian Immigrants. After the meeting, Messala said he had

suggested that an Ethiopian regular army or reserve officer be appointed to oversee the treatment members of the community receive

in the IDF. It was also suggested that a section on Ethiopian immigration and the Ethiopian community here be added to the IDF's officer

training course "We think this can help prevent young officers from acting in an unfitting manner toward Ethiopian soldiers under their com-

He said the atmosphere at the meeting was good, even though Shahak gave no concrete responses to the immigrants' suggestions. He added that the dialogue with the IDF would

Meanwhile, the IDF announced that 1,500 former Ethiopians entered the army last year, compared to 600 in 1994. The number of female Ethiopian soldiers now stands at 140, compared to 20 in 1993.

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legal aspects of occupational haz-

ards faced by a large number of

These workers, said Ribak, not

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may also face Health Ministry

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There are 72 Ethiopian officers and NCOs

slogans found in Druse villages A large delegation of munici-

will attend. Among the diseases to be dis-cussed are AIDS; infectious hep-

DAVID RUDGE PRO-Syrian slogans and a Syrian flag have been found by police in Druse villages on the Go-

mand," Messala said. **Blood controversy to highlight conference**

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wants urgent meeting with Peres DAVID RUDGE

THE Labor Party is making a grave mistake if it thinks "running amok" after Syria will help it in the next Knesset elections, Golan Heights Regional Council chairman Yehuda Wolman said vesterday.

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Wolman, a veteran member of Labor, called for an urgent meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who has promised to stay in contact with Golan leaders and update them on developments in the peace talks.

The regional council and the Katzria Local Authority are jointly organizing a massive Tn Bishvat planting ceremony on the Golan on Monday. Hundreds of residents have volunteered to act as guides and explain their campaign of opposition against withdrawal.

Tens of thousands of people are expected to take part in planting trees along an eight-km. stretch of road between the Shirion and Wassat junctions.

"We hope that by planting a tree, those who participate will, in the true sense of the word, put down roots in the Golan and thereby have a stake in maintaining Israeli sovereignty over the region," said Marla Van Meter, a campaign leader.

The JNF is supplying the saplings, but officials stressed that it is not involved in the event in any other way. The officials said the JNF's

name and logo had appeared by mistake on some leaflets and announcements that had appeared . in some newspapers advertising the event. This has since been rectified, and the JNF's logo removed, they said. Syrian flag,

TWO Arab envoys based in Israel bave called for a change in the status of Jerusalem as a prerequisite to the end of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"I don't think the present status quo in Jerusalem will continue if there is to be peace in the area." said Marwan Muasber, Jordan's ambassador to Israel.

"Any outcome on Jerusalem should take into consideration not only the needs and aspirations of Jews, but of all other religions, Christianity." Islam and

Speaking in Jerusalem to an international conference of Jewish journalists, Muasher said he

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does not support redividing the city, and expressed confidence that a solution for Jerusalem can be found.

He said the political status of Jerusalem is an issue only between Israel and the Palestinians, but that the Arab world and Christian churches bave an interest in ensuring access to their boly places in the city.

Talal Rhoufrani, head of the liaison office of Morocco in Tel Aviv, agreed. But he added, "Morocco supports the claim of the Palestinians [on Jerusalem] and ascribes a great deal of im-portance to free access and pilgrimage."

seed shell. Dr. Eli Picar, a pediatric pneumologist at the hospital, succeeded in removing the fragment using bronchoscopy, in which a catheter with optic fibers to see inside the organ is inserted without general anesthesia into the lnng. He removed the shell,

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which was hidden inside a piece of tissue that scemed to be a growth in his right lung. In an earlier bronchoscopy for a lung biopsy, inflamed tissue was removed; upon examination, Picar suspected that it was due to a foreign object in the hungs.

The boy had complained of coughing and respiratory problems for a long period.

Health fund warned on illegal billing

THE Health Ministry said yester-day that it would send a warning to Kupat Holim Meuhedet for billing members "illegally" for magnetie identification cards.

THE controversy raised by heart

surgeon Prof. Danny Gur over

his claim that he would avoid op-

erating on Ethiopian immigrants

because of the "risk of being in-fected with HIV" will bring spe-

cial attention to an international

conference on communicable dis-

eases as occupational hazards,

being held in Jerusalem February

According to Prof. Joseph Ri-

bak, of Tel Aviv University's

Sackler School of Medicine and

head of Kupat Holim Clalit's oc-

cupational medicine center, Gur

18-21.

Members without standing orders for supplementary bealth insurance have just received a bill for all new charges. for NIS 10 per member. It was not clear whether the fee had already been deducted from the hank accounts of those with as legal. standing orders.

A few months ago, after being fund to issue magnetie cards, and the first to demand that members queried by The Jerusalem Post,

JUDY SIEGEL pay for them. An official from another bealth fund said the the ministry's legal adviser sent a letter to Meuhedet director-gen-"no more than one or two eral Uzi Salant saying the charge shekels.' was illegal under the national In addition, since Meuhedet bealth insurance law, since the

will no longer need to mail quarfee had not been in effect before terly stickers to bundreds of the January 1, 1994, cutoff date thousands of members, it is saving a large amount merely hy m-Salant sent a letter back saying troducing the cards.

the health fund regarded the fee No comment was available from Salant or other Meuhedet officials on the billing, or what Meuhedet is the last health would happen to members who declined to pay the fee.

The flag was raised above the high school in Majdal Shams and was discovered Wednesday morning by police, who removed it. Slogans declaring "The Golan Belongs to Syria" have been actual cost of issuing cards was found sprayed on walls of houses

and public buildings. The public expression of pro-Syrian sentiments appears to be connected to the forthcoming February 14 anniversary of the 1982 general strike by Druse resi-

dents against the extension of Israeli law to the Golan Heights. Druse, who also refused to accept Israeli identity cards, usually mark the anniversary with a oneday general strike and demonstrations, some of which have turned violent.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Spouses of Meshulam prisoners meet Bibi The wives of Uzi Meshulam and his jailed supporters met yesterday with Prisons Service Commissioner Arye Bibi and asked that various rights and privileges that were taken away from the prisoners be restored to them.

The privileges were suspended after Meshnlam gave a talk, via his cellular phone, to a group of supporters outside the prison. The wives complained that their husbands are being housed

under difficult conditions, "with rats and filth." Bibi said that prisoners on hunger strike do not get any

privileges. For three days, the group has refused to eat solid food, drinking only water, milk and soup. Itim

Japanese soldiers to join Observer Force The first unit of a small detachment of Japanese soldiers is due to arrive on the Golan Heights today to join the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF).

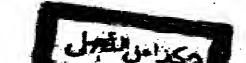
Altogether, some 30 Japanese soldiers are scheduled to join the force to replace a similar number of troops from the Canadian logistics contingent. It is reported to be only the third occasion that Japan has agreed to send of its soldiers to participate in an international peacekeeping mission. The Japanese government is reported to be paying for a separate group of 16 orderlies to be sent with the soldiers to construct Japanese beds and baths and cook traditional food for them. David Rudge

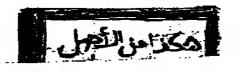
Examination clears parents of abuse charge The Petah Tikva couple arrested earlier in the week on suspicion of abusing their two-month-old twins were released from house arrest yesterday. Medical examination of the girls showed that their injuries were caused during the birth process. The girls remain in Schneider Children's Medical Center.

Couple remanded in Tel Aviv murder

A Rishon Lezion couple had their remand extended yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on suspicion they stabled Shlomo Sasson, 33, on Saturday, following an argument in a Tel Aviv discotheque.

Police representatives told the court that although Michael Nasri, 27. had actually stabbed Sasson, there was evidence that his 28-year-old wife, Rahel, was actively involved in the marder. Michael Nasri was remanded for 11 days, and Rahel Nasri for eight days. ltim





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possession and did not stop, scor-

ing nine points and pulling down five rebounds in the half and con-

tributing stellar defense during a 19-2 run that resulted in a 35-22

Maccabi lead with less than six minutes remaining in the half. Even when Bologna managed

to whittle the advantage to nine

at the break, it seemed like Mac-

cabi had found its game aod

would be tough to beat on its own

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For Maccabi, Chambers scored

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Next week, Maccabi travels to

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Griffey becomes baseball's costliest player

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C) I C SEATTLE (Reuter) - Six-time All-Star outfielder Ken Griffey Jr signed a four-year, \$34 million contract extension with the Seattle Mariners Wednesday making him the highest paid player in baseball.

The extension begins with the 1997 season and puts Griffey under contract with Seattle until 2000.

"I'm happy to be re-signing with the Seattle Mariners," said the 26-year-old Griffey. "Now I can't wait to get to spring training and begin the defense of our division crown."

Griffey's \$8.5 million annual salary surpasses the previous highs of \$7 million a year deals. signed by Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants and Frank. Thomas of the Chicago White Ser.

"I've always felt it's not a matter of the money," Griffey said. "I just wanted to be on a winner and want to be there in October." The deal brought a sense of relief to both sides.

"I cannot tell you how excited the Mariners' organization is to have the best player in baseball under contract through the turn: of the century," said Mariners President Chuck Armstrong.

"Once again, the ownership of . this team has stepped up to keep the best talent right here in Seattie. Mariners fans can now rest assured that Ken will be roaming center field in the new Seattle ballpark." Griffey missed most of last sea-

son after breaking his left wrist on May 26. He bit .258 with 17 homers and 42 RBI in 72 games as. the Marmers overtook California and won the American League Western Division title For his seven-year career. Griffey owns a .302 lifetime batting average with a chub record 189 homers and 585 runs batted in over 917 games.

He has been voted to the start-Sectore Sectoremento L.A. Lakers ing lineup in each of the last six ALL-SCHE 2 Pontand Phoenix Golden Stata LA. Cappers most votes three times. He holds the record for most All-Star votes with over six million in 1994. Griffey also won his sixth consecutive Gold Glove Award for fielding excellence last season.



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LEGGO - Portland's Chris Dudley tries to keep the ball away from Utah's Felton Spencer. (Reuter)

Jazz withstands wild rally

was fouled on a 3-point attempt PORTLAND (AP) - John Stockwith 5.2 seconds left, but he ton sank five of six free throws in missed the first two of his three the final 1:17 as Utah withstood a wild Portland rally and woo 98-Portland's Clifford Robinsoo

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7 from the field in the fourth quarter. Celtics 131, Grizzlies 98

free throws and Stocktoo clinched the victory by making two free throws with 4.7 seconds

remaining. Utah led 86-63 early in the fourth quarter before Clifford Robinsoo and James Robinson, who got in a scuffle after Tuesday's practice, led an improbable comeback,

Clifford Rubinsoo scored 33 points for Portland, Karl Malone -scored 28-for Utah, but was 0-for-WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS:

Todd Day scored 24 points as the host Celtics rolled to their most lopsided victory of the season.

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Ray Allen and Doron Sheffer scored 25 points apiece, and No. 4 Connecticut pulled away from stubborn Rutgers in the final 10 minutes for a 77-59 victory Wednesday night,

> The win ran UConn's schoolrecord winning streak to 19.

IF Yad Eliahu was hosting a char-

throws down the stretch, blowing

a 13-point lead to lose 86-83 to

visiting Buckler Bologna last

night in a must-win matchup in

the European Club Champion-

ships final pool.

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45-35 advantage into the half.

led to easy Italian baskets and a

57-56 Bolgona lead with 10:33

but finished in the European

Nadav Henefeld went to the

Rutgers (5-12, 2-7 Big East) trailed 51-45 with 11:30 remaining aod had three separate chances to get closer.

The Knights missed four shots and committed a turnover before Allen followed his own miss to 10.5 15.5 16.5 start UCom (20-1, 10-0) on a 19-4 mp. Allen had

BRIAN FREEMAN

ity event, the bise-and-yellow would feel right at home. Maccabi Tel Aviv turned the foul line with Maccabi down 72-71. He missed both shots, making ball over repeatedly in the second half and missed three crucial free him 2-8 from the charity stripe on the night.

Charitable Maccabi gives

visiting Bologna a gift win

After Croatian superstar Arijan Knmazec drilled a threepointer on the next play, Brad Leaf was called for a questionable offensive foul oo Maccabi's following possession.

Bologna took advantage of the The loss drops Maccabi's regood fortune to boost its lead to cord in Group B to 5-7 and above 77-71 before Oded Katash hit a only last-place Benfica Lisbon in the standings, while Bologna imthree-pointer of his own and then Tom Chambers fought hard un-However, Maccabi's ever-slimdemeath the boards to sink a basket and draw a foul with only 1:35 mer hopes to advance to the

quarter-finals remained alive, as Pan-Orthez lost 76-64 at Real But Chambers missed the Madrid and Cibona Zagreb lost chance at the foul line to knot the score at 77-77, and Bologna showing great patience and ball movement - found the open man Maccabi's follies started following the break, after taking a on its next two trips down the The Israelis allowed Bologna floor for two more three-pointers to set the pace coming out of the and an insurmountable 84-78 lead locker room, as numerous Macwith only 30 seconds left in the cabi turnovers and poor defense

What made the loss all the more painful for Maccabi was its inspired play in the second part of

After Maccabi played catchup the first half, something that has for the next seven minutes - even rarely been seen this season. retaking the lead briefly at 71-70 After falling behind 20-14 in with 4:18 left - the last 3:40 the first nine minutes, Leaf came showed why the Israelis are all

off the bench to spark the club once again.

He immediately set an inspiring tone by saving an offensive

UConn win-streak hits 19

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) remaining. Huskies center Travis Knight, who started his first game since having two screws put in his fractured left thumb January 26, had 10 points. Damon Santiago had

17 for Rntgers, while Andrew Kolbasovsky and Billy Gilligan scored 13 each.

scored 13 each. CONNECTICUT 77, RUTGERS 59 CONNECTICUT 77, RUTGERS 59 CONNECTICUT 20-1) King 1-5 5-6 7, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Knight 3-6 4-4 10, Sheffer 9-20 2-8 25, Allen 8-19 6-6 25, Hayward 2-2 1-1 5, Jones 1-6 0-0 2, Moore 1-2 0-1 2, Inyatkin 0-0 1-2 1, Kaiber 0-0 0-0 0, Kane 0-0 0-0 0, Srb 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 25-63 19-23 77. RUTGERS (5-12)

RUTGERS (5-12) Kolbesovsky 5-14 3-6 13, Hodgson 3-6 1 7, Clark 4-8 0-0 8, Billet 0-5 1-2 1.

LOCAL fans will be hard pressed

to find a game to match last

week's thrilling eccounter be-

tween Hapoel Haifa and Betar

Jerusalem, when observing this

week's list of National League

A low-key weekend looks to be

in store, although the majority of

punters will be listening eagerly

to the radio for results in the hope

that they are the lucky winners of

the weekend'a bumper NIS 13

Leader Maccabi Tel Aviv will

be boping to make the early run-

ning in taking on Rishon Lezion

at the early game at Bloomfield

and thus assure itself of at least

another week at the top. But the three other top clubs will be hot

on their heels, particularly Betar Jerusalem, smarting from being

toppled off the top of the log,

which looks to have an easy home

fixture against lowly Hapoel Kfar

Hapoel Haifa appear to have the

In other matches, Maccabi and

million Sportoto payout.

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Halftima – Connecticut 37, Rutgers 30, 3-point goala – Connecticut 8-24 (Sheffer 5-11, Alien 3-8, Moore 0-1, Srb 0-1, Jones 0-3), Rutgers 3-13 (Santiago 2-4, Giltigan 1-1, Hodgson 0-1, Karner 0-1, Billet 0-2, Kolbesovsky 0-4), Fouled out – Clark, Hayward, Rebounds – Connecticut 47 (Knight 11) Rutgers 29 (Kolbasovsky 8), Asalsts – Connecticut 15 (Sheffer 5), Rutgers 14 (Karner 4), Total fouts – Con-necticut 18, Rutgers 21, A = 8,091.

Wednesday's top 25 results: No 3. Kansas beat Okiakoma Stafe 84-66; No. 4 Connecti-cut beat Ratgers 77-59; No. 5 Cincinnati beat North Carolina Charlotte 78-64; No. 8 North Carolina beat Duke 73-72; No. 9 Georgetown (18-3) beat West Virginia 91-67; No. 19 Penn State lost to Michigan State 61-58; No 12. Wake Forest beat North Car-olina State 66-62: No. 13 Virginia Tech bear olina State 66-62; No. 13 Virginin Tech bear North Carolina-Greensboro 74-48; No. 15 Tenas Tech beat Oral Roberts 78-74; No. 17 Purdue beat No. 20 Michigan 80-59; No. 22



Zagreb to take on Cibona, while Bologna travels to Paoathinaikos, Real Madrid hosts Benfica Lisbon and Pau-Orthez hosts Barcelona.

lead with less than four minutes

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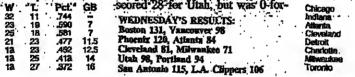
Which NFL team drafted current Miami Heat coach Pat Riley? **Pittsburgh Steelers** Dallas Cowboys Chicago Bears Indianapolis Colts

Answer Sunday.

Answer to yesterday's 'Guess Which': The Kentucky Colonels played in the ABA from 1967-1976.

SCOREBOARD

NHL - Wednesday's results: Buffalo 6, Florida 1; Boston 3, Ottawa 1; Montreal 5, Washington 3; Tanpa Ray 4, Pitisburgh 1; St. Louis 4, Toronto 8; N.Y. Rangers 1, Dallas 1; Chicago 4, Edmonton 8; Hartford 6, Los Angeles 4; Anahein 2, Calorado L



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n lost to Van rb#(76-62: N Eastern Michigan (15-2) lost to Ohio University 82-73.

Ran, Behr, Erlich prepare for Davis Cup

EYAL Ran, Noam Behr and Eyal Erlieh warmed up this week for next weekend'a Davis Cup tie against Norway at Ramat Hasharon.

Captain Shlomo Glickstein watched Israel's top player Ran (170 in the world) as he suffered a first-round loss to South African Marcos Ondruska (105) 6-3, 6-3 in Shanghai. Noam Behr (312) played well and was un-

hucky to lose to Andrei Olhovskiy (115) of Russia 6-4, 3-6, 4-6. Behr had risen from the qualifying rounds.

In Zagreb, Eyal Erlich lost his last match of the qualifying rounds to American Jack Waite. Also losing his first round match in Zagreb was Norway's kingpin player, Christian Rund, albeit to a tennis giant - Goran

Ivanisevic - who won 6-4, 7-6. Magic, Michael and the Israeli coach Baruch Hagai is going places. From being a lead-ing wheelchair basketball player and then coach

LOCAL SCENE HEATHER CHAIT

of the national team, he now has been chosen, along with Dutch coach Rob van Heuvel to coach the Rest of the World team who will play the US team, current world teampions, in April. Sponsors of the game are Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan who will shoot the baskets at a

halftime competition.

Going up Pole vaulter and Olympic hopeful Dani Krasnov lifted himself to a good start to the new year at an international indoor meeting in Germany. Krasnov crossed the bar at 5.51 meters to take the

bronze medal and mark his return to sport after a prolonged absence through injury. On target

Going from European to world standards is Sha-har Yunesvich, Europe's youth champion shooter who won the gold medal at a competition in Mu-nich. His air-rifle score of 593 points was equal to the world youth record.

Also bringing home 6 medal was Shlomit Tachnai who won the bronze medal with 592 points which equaled her own national record.

Making waves

There will be stirings next week of the calm pool waters as the US takes on Europe in a bid to alter the international waterpolo regulations. Israel's Da-vid Tamari, Secretary of the Waterpolo Association will be at the conference in Berlin to present Israel's position. Standing behind the US, Israel is also calling for a change in the length of the pool from 30 meters to 25m and reducing the team from seven players to siz. Why? Israel has only three poals longer than 25m.

A woman's world

Lilach Asulin obviously doesn't think soccer is 6 game where 22 men chase after a round ball. Asulin made Israeli history this past weekend by being the first wonan referee in an official league game. For those uncouth supporters at Or Akiva watching their team beat Hapoel Kafr Kana, and unable to keep their unsavory comments to themselves, watch out! Asulin has her sights set on international refereeing.

Sportoto punters ready for weekend fixtures

ORI LEWIS

measure of the opposition, with Maccabi hosting Hapoel Kfar Sava and Happel away at Beit Shc'an

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches tomorrow at 15:00 unless oth-erwise stated, first round results in

barentikeses):
Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Ironi Rishon Lezion,
Bioomfield, 14:30, (2-1); Betar Tel Aviv v.
Bnei Yehnda, Gann Stadium, (2-2); Hapoel
Beit She'an v. Hapoel Haifa, Beit She'aa,
(1-3); Betar Jerasalem v. Hapoel Kfur
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Petah Tikva v. Maccabi Petak Tikva, Petah
Tikva, (1-3); Zah'rinn Holou v. Maccabi
Jaffa, today 15:00, (2-4); Maccabi Haifa v.
Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Maccabi Heirziya,
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English FA bans player for one year for failing drug test

LONDON (Reuter) - The English Football Association handed out its stiffest punishment to a player for more than 30 years when it banned Roger Stanislans of Leyton Orient for 12 months yesterday for failing a drug test.

Stanislans, 27, tested positive for cocaine after a random test following a Third Division game against Barnet on November 25 which Orient lost 3-0.

A metabolite of cocaine showed up when he was selected for the test. The drug is considered performance-enhancing.

The former Arsenal apprentice has been suspended by Orient aince the results were made public last month, bot he was supported at yesterday's hearing by the London club's chairman Barry Hearn and manager Pat Holland. And although he escaped a life suspension, the punishment could still finish his career.

Hearn has called a board meeting for next Tuesday to discuss the player's future and says: "My personal views on drug abuse are well known. The good name of Leyton Orient connts above everything."

Stanislaus did not contest that he took the drug, bot he insisted he used it socially a few days before

His punishment was the toughest handed out by the FA since 1965 when Peter Swan, Tony Kay and David Layne of Sheffield Wednesday were banned

Local golf

HAROLD Statzen and Soll Friedman took first place in the better ball medal tournament at the Caesarea Golf Club over the weekend, with 64 net strokes followed by two teams tied for second place at 69, Clive Josset and Akiva Dankner, and Albert Elias and Mike Manor.

After the second round of the national Coca Cola golf league, Tel Aviv is first with eight points, followed by three teams tied for second with six. Jules Cuburnek

Ken Behring called a meeting with officials of King County to tell them of his plans to break a long-term lease with the county-owned Kingdome in Seattle. "We're gone. We're out of here. We're moving to Anaheim," an unidentified source with the team told the Seattle Times.

The move tn California has long been rumored, although King County officials have maintained they have an iron Clad lease with Behring that keeps the team in the dreary Kingdome for 10 more years.

Super Bowl most watched show ever

NBC Sports' telecast of Super Bowl XXX between the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers attracted a record 138,488,000 viewers, making it the most-watched television program in history, according to NBC research.

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Report: Seahawks headed to California

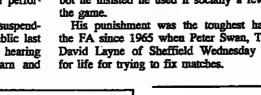
The owner of the Seattle Seahawks plans to move the team to

Area newspapers and broadcasters said Seahawks owner

southern California, local media reports said yesterday.

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NEWS

Yigal Amir agrees to undergo psychiatric evaluation

RAINE MARCUS

YIGAL Amir, the confessed assassin of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, agreed yesterday to undergo a psychiatric examination.

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This latest move was apparently suggested by presiding Judge Edmond Levy, to avoid any future

legal repercussions. Amir has repeatedly stated that he is perfectly same and was not suffering from any disturbance when he killed the premier in Noember

Two additional defense lawyers were appointed by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday; Shmuel Fleishman and Gabi Shahar. The two will join Jonathan Ray Gold-

berg in representing Amir. But Fleishman's employer, Haim Misgav, said after hearing the news that he would fire Fleishman for accepting the case without discussing it with him first. Fleishman responded that Amir was entitled to a fair trial and de-

fense

Fleishman also asked that the district psychiatrist evaluate whether Amir was sane at the time of the murder and if he had planned his deed in advance.

But prosecutor Penina Guy objected to the evaluation. "Until now the court has not

heard any claims that Amir was insane at the time of his actions," she said. Up until the killing, she added, he had lived a normal life.

Levy responded that this was "all the more reason to send him for observation."

Meanwhile, another lawyer who was approached by the court and the Amir family to represent Amir said he was still considering whether to take on the case.

"It is clear that the defense cannot take the ideological line that the defendant would wish to adopt, and so I have not yet made my decision," Yitzhak Brand said. So far two lawyers have resigned from the case, after com-

plaining they had been instructed to take a political line of defense. Amir did not flinch when the

court screened the video of the assassination, which was shot by amateur photographer Ron Kempler. At times when Amir saw himself on the screen he smiled faintly, but showed no emotion. When he saw himself firing the shots that killed Rabin, he sat motionless.

Kempler, who testified for the prosecution yesterday, said he fo-ensed on Amir because he "seemed suspicious."

Under cross-examination by Goldberg, Kempler said he had a "strange feeling that something was going to happen," and that Amir appeared "weird."

The trial will continue in two weeks to give the defense additional time to prepare its case.

attorneys for the two GSS officers,

Shoval repeatedly maintained he

had received no such order, which

implies a severe failure on the part

The commission did not imme-

diately take a stand on Zichroni's

offer that his client and the two

GSS officers take lie-detector tests

of the GSS.

Lie detector suggested to resolve police-GSS conflict

BILL HUTMAN

THE Shamgar Commission hearings took an unexpected turn yesterday when the possibility of using a lie detector to help determine who was responsible for the securiy foul-ups the night of prime min-ter Yitzhak Rabin's assassination raised.

Sources said Attorney Amnon Zichroni told the commission that his client, Yarkon District police commander Ya'acov Shoval, nev-

to determine who is telling the truth, according the sources. From the outset of the commis-033 have been strongly at odds over who was responsible for the security failures. Yesterday marked the first time the idea of using a lie detector to help resolve the dispute was raised. During the hearing, Zichroni and Shoval used slides to illustrate the security measures taken by police, in coordination with the GSS, at the November 4 rally. They emphasized that the overall responsibility for planning and maintaining the personal security of the prime minister is with the GSS, and that, in this regard, the police work according to GSS instructions.

MK Yehezkel indicted in Histadrut corruption scandal

Artist Micha Lurie puts the finishing touches on some of the 30 chocolate soldiers being prepared for an exhibition at the

LABOR MK Avi Ychezkel was indicted yesterday in Tel Aviv

Magistrate's Court on charges of breach of trust, falsifying documents, frand, and attempted fraud, in connection with what has come to be known as the Histadrut scandal. Ychezkel's parliamentary im-

munity was lifted Wednesday by the Knesset House Committee. Yehezkel had agreed to have his immunity lifted so he could clear his name in court.

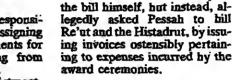
According to the indictment, during the period when .Yehezkel was the administrative and personnel chairman of the Histadrut and chairman of the Histadrut-affiliated Re'ut Foundation, up until June 1992, he fraudulently tried to obtain RAINE MARCUS

funds for his own primary camtion division and was responsipaign. He is accused of instructing ble for taking orders, assigning the work, making payments for former Mifalei Tarbut Vehinuch

services, and collecting from director, Uzi Pessah, to bill the those ordering services. Histadrut and Re'ot for his cam-According to the indictment, paign expenses by issuing false Yehezkel hired Mifalei Tarbut

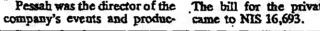
invoices. Pessah turned state's Vehinnch to organize four annual award events at the beginning Mifalei Tarbut Vehinuch is a of 1992. Histadrut-owned company that

In March of that year, Yehez-kel then commissioned private work, connected to his primary campaign that spring. The work included preparing posters, typand the Labor Party, though it ing letters in Romanian, and organizing a victory party at the Rishon Lezion Country Club. The bill for the private work



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Rafael workers fume over planned dismissals

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carries out printing work and produces events. Most of the

company's work is commis-

sioned by Histadrut divisions

also does work for the general

Israel Museum, entitled "The Image of the Macho Israeli," which opens next week.

witness in the case.

publie.

TEMPERS flared at Rafael yesterday after scores of workers at the weapons development authority received official notification of management's intention

he would not elaborate. to dismiss them.

last year, into a public company. The Histadrut is fighting the proposals and reached an agreeness and can't be ignored," but ment in principle with Treasury officials last week to defer the Zuckman said the letters sent plans for at least two years. In yesterday to more than 70 state

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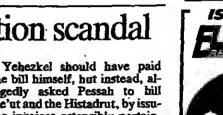
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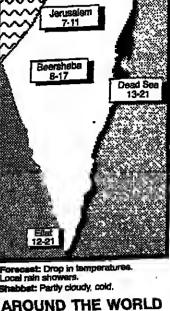
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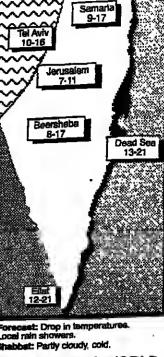
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in the General Security Service to clear the public out of the area where Rabin was later killed.

Two of the GSS officers being investigated by the commission the VIP protection unit head and the commander at the scene maintain such an order was given, the sources said.

However, they admit that while other instructions that night concerning security coordination between the GSS and police were written out and can be verified, the order to clear the area was given "by word of mouth."

Under cross-examination by the

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nergency n ing of workers' representatives, several called for an immediate demonstration, but it was decided to defer any action until after the weekend.

"The mood is one of deeprooted anger and bitterness, but we are going to stay calm and not play into the hands of management," said David Zuckman, head of the workers' action campaign He said it had been decided to

take "some form of action on Sunday that will make management and the government realize that Rafael workers mean busi-

an proyees at the return, the worker Acre, were the first official notification that they were slated to be dismissed. The workers in question have until February 11.

to lodge written appeals. Management intends to cut the workforce of 4,300 by over 600 people by the end of this year. This includes 350 government employees, with the remainder workers on special contracts. Over 100 state workers have al-

ready agreed to leave of their own accord. The cutbacks are all part of a government plan to turn Rafael, which lost over NIS 300 million

cept the dismissal of 400 government employees and a pay freeze over the two-year period. The agreement, however, is dependent on the approval of

Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres. An answer was expected at the beginning of the week, but his decision has since been deferred to Sunday.

"Instead of getting an answer, the matter has now been reverted back to square one," said Yigal Cohen, head of the trade union department of the Histadrut's Haifa branch.

Thursday, 11 Shvat, 1.2.96 Be'eri Forest - 11:00 a.m., in honor of the 50th enniversary of the 11 settlement outposts in the Negev, with the participation of regional residents, soldiers, pupils, new immigrants and original settler families. Event includes planting Founders Grove under

the patronage of Minister of Agriculture, Yaacov Tzur and JNF Board Member, Uri Pinherfeld.

Monday, Tu Bishvat, 5.2.96

tajor Ceremonies

CENTRAL REGION - Participation in events in this region, by invitation only:

Neven Han - 11:00 a.m., under the patromage of the President of Isrsel, Ezer Weizmann, Minister of the Environ bent. Yossi Sarid, W.Z.O and Jewish Agency Chainman, Abraham Burg, JNF World Chainman, Moshe Riviin and Match Yehuda Regional Council Head, Meir Weisel.

Knesset Building - 12:15 p.m., opening of exhibition, For there is Hops of a Tree, selected photographs by members of the Israel Photographic An Society of the Shaar HaGai burnt forease. With the panicipation of Knesset Speaker, Prof. Shevah Weise, MK Naomi Hazan, JNF Board Member, Yitzhak Rogow and IPAS representative, Moshe Yaacobi .

Knesset Forest, Mt. Scopes - 2:00 p.m., Knesset ceremony with the participation of Knesset Speaker, Prof. Shevah Weiss, Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, JNF World Chairman, Moshe Rivlin, MKs and Knesset staff. NORTHERN REGION-

Seger Forests . 11:30 p.m., ceremony with the participation of area residents, pupils and soldiers. Under the parromage of Deputy Minister of education, culture and sport, MK Michs Goldman. Event includes a hiking happening in the area. SOUTHERN REGION:

Eilst - 10:00 a.m., insuguration of Eilst Forest with the participation of city residents, tourists and pupils. Under the partonage of INF Co-Chairman, Yons Peled and the mayor of Ellat, Gabi Kadoah.

Yatir Forest - 11:00 a.m., with the participation of area residents, soldiers, new immigrants and pupils. Under the patronage of Mr. Hebron Regional Council Head, Ron Shachner and JNF Board Member, Menahem Leibovitch,

Beit Kams - 2.00 p.m., Good Neighbors, joint plannings by Jewish and Beduin pupils, local sheiks, soldiers and new immigrants. Under the patronage of Deputy Chairman Board of Directors, Chaim Cohes, Basi Shimon Regional Council Head, Sinnael Kadmon and the mayor of Rahm, Taial Alkrenewi.

Thursday, 18 Shvat, 8.2.96 Haravit Forest near Kfar Menschene - 11:00 s.m., central ceremony for new immigrants in the country, under the patromage of Minister of Absorption Ya'r Taban, JNF World Chairman, Moshe Rivlin, Yoav Regional Council Head, Rany Trainin and Director, Central Office of Information, Doton Shohal.

Dimona - 11:00 a.m. Planting ceremony with the participation of pupils, area residents, soldiers and new immigrants. Under the patronage of INF Co-Chairman, Yons Peled and the mayor of Dimons, Gaby Laloush.

Tuesday, 23 Shvot, 13.2.96 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., day devoted to forestry topics at the Agricultural Research Administration, Vulcani Center, Beit Dagan.



From 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., drivers on the country's roads on Tu Bishvat will be able to plant trees at one of three designated sites:

Northern Region: HaSbourin Junction, Tryon-Nahalal Highway.

Central Region: HaPortzina Monument, Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway (opposite Moshav Sho'eva).

Southern Region: Lehaving Junction, Beit Kams-Beershebs Highway.

More than a quarter of a million people, including pupils, residents, soldiers, youth, tourists and students will take part in the plantings and ceremonies to be held throughout the country.

This season, INF will plant some three million seedlings on some 30,000 damants of land all over the country, including some 10,000 durants in the south as part of its efforts to hak desentification.



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Sunday-Thursday, 14-18 Shvat, 4-8.2.95 Jerusalen: Malha Shopping Mall - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., children's activities, events, stands, etc.

